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AMERICAN CONSULATE-GENERAL
SHANGHAI, CHINA.

American and Philippine Citizens should continue to inform the Consulate-General of changes of address and telephone numbers. They should also report departure from Shanghai of members of their families.

All Americans arriving at Shanghai should inform the Consulate-General immediately of their arrival, address, and telephone number.

C. E. GAUSS
American Consul-General

Shanghai, Aug. 23.

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NOTICE

The public is hereby notified that instructions have been received from the Ministry of Communications that telegrams exchanged with Japan must be written in plain language.

Government telegrams are not subject to these restrictions.

TELEGRAPH OFFICES FOR CABLEGRAMS

"VIA NORTHERN" "VIA EASTERN"
"VIA COMMERCIAL PACIFIC"

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS.

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BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND CHINA ASSOCIATION
(SHANGHAI BRANCH)

In order that the Chamber may maintain an authentic list of British property that has sustained damage during the present conflict, all British Firms or Individuals are requested to send in tentative reports of any major damage to their properties, to the undersigned.

The date, and, if possible, the cause of the damage should be given, and in addition any details that may assist in supporting claims for reparation.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE.
H. F. BAKER,
Acting Secretary.

27 The Bund.

BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND CHINA ASSOCIATION
(SHANGHAI BRANCH)

BRITISH PROPERTIES IN THE EASTERN AND NORTHERN DISTRICTS AND IN POOTUNG

All British Firms or Individuals having property in the above districts are requested to send a list of the same as soon as possible to the undersigned, and to state if the properties are occupied, and by what means, if any, they are being protected; also whether they are being visited from time to time for inspection.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE.
H. F. BAKER,
Acting Secretary.

27 The Bund. 9252

SHANGHAI FOREIGN BANKERS ASSOCIATION

BIRTHDAY OF CONFUCIUS

The Member Banks of the above Association will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Friday, August 27, 1937, on account of the above.

NOTICE

As from Wednesday, August 25th, our business will be conducted at our regular address, 133 Yuen Ming Yuen Road (Telephone No. 13555) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For urgent business, before and after office hours, please telephone 76582 or 74386.

William Hunt & Co.
China Foreign Assurance Corp.
China Foreign Trade Corporation
China Foreign Steamship Corp.
Philippine Foreign Steamship Corp.

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NORTH CHINA MOTOR INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

Supplies of a clause drawn up by the Committee, following upon receipt of a telegram from London, the use of which is strongly recommended by the Committee of this Association, may be obtained from the Mercantile Printing Co. (1925) Ltd., 81 Jinkee Road (5th floor), after 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 25th instant.

By Order of the Committee,
BECK & SWANN,
Secretaries.
17 The Bund.

Shanghai, Aug. 24. 9268

NOTICE

Until further notice our Offices are located at 110 Route Ghisi, Telephone 70895. For quotations or to place orders, however, please call 22583 or 70881 between 9-12 and 2-4.30.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION
No. 4852

All holders of rice warrants, bills of lading, or other documents covering rice situated in Hunt's Wharf, who desire the Council's assistance in removing this to accessible godowns, should call without delay at the office of the Food Transport Committee, Room 602, S.M.C. Administration Building. Efforts will be made to remove the stocks of those handing in documents, but no guarantee can be given and no responsibility will be assumed by the Council. No claims of any kind will be entertained. This offer of assistance in respect of rice in Hunt's Wharf remains open only until Friday, August 27, at 5 p.m.

By Order
G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

COUNCIL CHAMBER.
Shanghai, August 24, 1937.

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NOTIFICATION
No. 4851

GASOLINE SUPPLIES

The Municipal Council has been advised by representatives of the Gasoline Companies that the gasoline requirements of the public are in no danger at present of interruption; in order, however, to alleviate the strain on the provisional supply arrangements, the public are requested to refrain from unnecessary use of private automotive vehicles.

By ORDER,
G. GODFREY PHILLIPS
Secretary.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Shanghai, Aug. 22. 9214

NOTIFICATION
No. 4849

FOOD SUPPLIES

All local firms holding food supplies for foreign consumption are requested to state in writing the stocks held, the location and prices, to the Secretary, Supplies and Food Sub-Committee, Room 150, Administration Building, 1st Floor, 209 Kiangse Road.

The public is hereby notified that there is **no fear** of a shortage of imported food stuffs, the information is asked for so that measures can be taken well in advance to meet future requirements.

By Order
G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

Council Chamber,
Shanghai, August 19, 1937. 9167

NOTIFICATION
No. 4847

The Shanghai Municipal Council requests firms or individuals owning motor trucks, vans, or omnibuses which they are prepared to place at its disposal, either free or on payment, to register the same at Room No. 29, Public Works Department, Administration Building.

Particulars of make, load capacity, and type of vehicle are required and also whether drivers are available.

By order,
G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

Council Chamber,
Shanghai, August 18, 1937. 9038

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

VOLUNTARY WORKERS

Members of the Foreign Community who are not connected with the Shanghai Volunteer Corps or Special Police and who are prepared in case of necessity to give their services to the Council as Voluntary Workers are requested to register their names at Room 280 (Education Department, 2nd Floor Administration Building, entrance 180 Foochow Road). 9071

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

During the present emergency, advertisers are requested to send in their copy as early as possible in order to facilitate insertion.

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Booking for the "President Lincoln" opens this morning, August 25, at 9 o'clock at the Dollar Company Office for passengers to Hongkong and Manila. The "Lincoln" is due to sail August 28.

Booking for the "President McKinley" to Seattle via Japan ports will open Friday morning, August 27, at the Dollar Co. Office at 9 o'clock. The "McKinley" is due to sail September 1. 9280

NOTICE

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THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA

NOTICE

The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China will reopen for normal business TO-DAY, August 23, 1937.

The front door will be open as usual and the back entrance fronting Szechuen Road will be maintained until further notice.

H. D. MURRAY, *Manager*

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113 KIUKIANG ROAD

NOTICE

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Policyholders may obtain the usual service and advice at the above address during the hours stated or at the residences of:—

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W. Y. LOO
1326 Av. Joffre Flat 309 Phone 75340
Z. P. KOO
263 Yenping Road Phone 30722

CROWNCHINA COMPANY,
General Agents
113 Kiukiang Road

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NOTICE

EASTMAN KODAK CO.
185 Yuen Ming Yuen Road.

Until further notice this office will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Sundays excepted.

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Dr. L. HECHTMAN
Dental Surgeon

has returned and resumed practice at 882 Bubbling Well Road, Majestic Apartments, Telephone 36620.

Hours 9—6

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REMOVAL NOTICE

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FOOD TRANSPORT OFFICE

Miss Hinder, Room 602, Administration Building Shanghai Municipal Council (inside the compound), is in charge of Food Transport Office. All queries re transport for food to go to the above room in first instance. Telephone No. 14877. 9015

NOTICE

People evacuating and leaving for home will find Hartzenbusch Motors offering the very highest trade-in values for their present cars in exchange for a new car in England or elsewhere. 730 Avenue Foch. Telephone 30103. 9206

NOTICE

Owing to present political and financial conditions, our business is being conducted on a cash basis only.

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Aug. 21, 1937.

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We have only a limited supply of back numbers, so unless a special order is placed now it may be difficult to secure this record of the tense days through which we are living.

Send your name and address to the Circulation Department, "North-China Daily News," 17 the Bund, or telephone 11055.

M.V. "TARIFA"

which left Shanghai on the 14th. July arrived at Casablanca on the 17th. August and Antwerp on the 22nd. August.

MS "DELHI" and "SHANTUNG"

With reference to our notice of 24th inst., we are glad to advise Consignees that all General Cargo landed at Hongkong ex these vessels is being stored in Godowns, and Iron only in the open.

THE EKMAN FOREIGN AGENCIES, LTD.
Agents,
THE SWEDISH EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Referring to our previous notice of 19th August, will consignees of cargo for Shanghai please note the following:—

Ixion cargo for Shanghai to be discharged at Kobe.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
BLUE FUNNEL LINE

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THE ORIENT LLOYD, LTD.

Travel Office

We beg to advise our clients that our office is temporarily closed and that in urgent cases they are kindly requested to telephone 72215 between 10-12 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. -1329

P. & O. S. N. CO.

SS. "Kidderpore" from Bombay Via Ports

Cargo for Delivery at Shanghai and for Transhipment Here

Consignees are hereby notified that owing to the present hostilities it is impossible to discharge this vessel at Shanghai. The s.s. "Kidderpore" will therefore discharge at Kobe at Consignees sole risk and expense, whereby all the obligations of the vessel, her Owners, Master, and Agents, will be fulfilled in accordance with the terms of the Company's Bill of Lading.

Consignees should therefore apply for delivery of their cargo to the Company's Agents at Kobe, Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co. (Japan), Ltd.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.
Agents

Shanghai, Aug. 23. 9227

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

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N.Y.K. Calcutta Line—to and from Calcutta and Way Ports.

Shippers and consignees are hereby notified that owing to the present abnormal conditions existing in Shanghai, all vessels of this Company for the above-mentioned services will omit calling at Shanghai until further notice.

Cargoes for delivery at this port and/or transhipment will be discharged at ports or places of safety, at the risk and expense of the shippers and/or consignees, whereby all the obligations of the vessels, their Owners, Masters, and Agents will be fulfilled in accordance with the terms of the Company's Bill of Lading. Consignees should therefore apply for delivery of their cargo to the Company's agents at the port of discharge, of which the consignees will be informed on request, as soon as it is known to this office.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
SHANGHAI BRANCH.

Shanghai, August 23, 1937. 9255

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Referring to our previous notice will consignees of cargo for Shanghai please note the following:—

Antenor Cargo for Shanghai Discharged at Dairen.
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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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Coming Events

SEPTEMBER

3 State Lottery, 38th Drawing

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British Women and Children Leaving

Photographs of the above and others which have appeared in the "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" are now on view at Watson's, 71 Nanking Road, where prints may be obtained within a few hours.

Obtainable from Watson's

Other Front Page Announcements Overleaf

In Parenthesis

Warning

The next person who mentions anything about Nero and his violin when he sees a fire in Chapei will get it where the chicken got the axe.

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Meteorological

Monday was the last of the Great Heat. Work it out for yourself but it was on that day that the Japanese war vessels mizzled off down to Woosung. But they came back.

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The Quotation of Quotations

The day is cold and dark and dreary
It rains, the wind seems never weary
Be still, sad heart and cease repining
Behind each cloud is a silver lining

That may be true in other places,
In other climes, midst other races;
But in Shanghai it is very plain
The silver lining's an aeroplane.

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War Reporting

A "——" observer who spent the afternoon in the Woosung area, confirmed the landing of troops from six transports but saw no other troop vessel in the area.

A spokesman of the Nanking-Shanghai Garrison Headquarters, at a press conference yesterday afternoon denied the reports that Japanese succeeded in landing troops in the vicinity of Woosung.

In PARENTHESIS assures his readers that there is every chance of one or other of these two consecutive paragraphs in a local contemporary being correct.

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Correspondence

In PARENTHESIS

"North-China Daily Daily News"

Dear I.P.,

The First Class of the Order of St. Ananias goes to the compradore who says that the price of whisky is up 10 per cent. because of the huge stocks consumed by fire at Yangtsze poo.

J. C. de B.

Somewhere-in-Frenchtown Aug. 22

The news leaves us cold! What we are waiting for is for an escort to go out to bring in compradore stores upon which he is profiteering. I. P. doesn't say this will happen, but it does seem a mad sort of world, doesn't it?

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We Broadcast

Hello! Hello! Hello! "This broadcast comes to you through the courtesy of the "North-China Daily News." Here we are in the ringside seats of the biggest prize fight the sporting world has ever seen. Three million people, three million people, folks, are present to-night to see the championship of the Orient decided between two well known heavy weights. We know there are three million people present, folks, because a million and a half got in without paying. Oh boy! Oh, boy! Oh boy! What a crowd! All the best people in Shanghai are here. We have amongst us to-night....who's that white haired gink over there, Mike?

"Aw! cut 'im out."

"All right, all right, all right! Folks I'm here to tell you, this is the biggest fight ever witnessed in the Ori .... the Far East I mean. Here he comes, the Tokyo Tiger, weight 4 tsubo, 3 ri, 6 koku. Closely following him into his own corner it the Ding-hao Dandy, from Nanking, weight 8 mow, 3 fung, 1 li and 5 hao. And, boy, how?

"Now the referee is talking to them in the ring. They each return to their corners, and judging from the way they walk, folks, it might be anybody's fight. They didn't shake hands and oh boy, this must be a grudge fight. Both men are trained to the last minute and the confidence of the public in their abilities is such that both are favourites with the big money at evens. There goes the gong for the first round. I will now hand the mike over to Ip! of the "North-China Daily News." Here you are Ip."

Ip:—"Hello! hello hello This broadcast comes to you through the courtesy of the "North....."

The other bloke:—"Aw, can it."

Ip:—"Both men are advancing from their corners looking each other over carefully, and folks what looks, what looks! Now they are feeling each other out, and I hope to tell you, what feeling, what feeling! The Tokyo Tiger leads with his right.... no, left, I mean, the Ding-hao Dandy countering with a blow to the jaw and the Tiger goes down for....

Sorry folks, my mistake, it's only the referee who has dropped his cigar. Now they are in the middle of the ring looking each other over again, and neither is enjoying the sight. Ding-hao Dandy leads off with a right to the chin, then another right, and another right. They all miss and Tokyo Tiger recovering from the rain of blows steps in and tries for Ding-hao's body. And it's one-two-three, one-two-three, one-two three! Ding-hao counters with a left-right, left-right, left-right. Oh boy! What a fight! What a fight! Ding-hao steps quickly into the middle of the ring: the Tokyo Tiger quickly follows and if either of them hits the other they'll know all about it. Now they're swapping punches, but they don't hurt each other much. There they go again one-two-three, one-two-three, left-right, left right. Ding-hao Dandy goes down for a one.... No, he didn't go down. He only slipped a little and the gong goes for the end of Round One. I will now hand the microphone over to Horrible Herbert who will sum up the round for you."

Horrible Herbert:—"Hello, Hello, hello! This broadcast comes to you through the courtesy of the "North ..... Sorry! Well folks, what a fight, what a fight! At first I thought it was anybody's fight, but now that I have seen them both in the ring I figger that both of them are going to win. This round has been devoted to looking each other over and feeling each other out, and now that they know what each looks like and how he feels, we may get some action in the next few rounds. But, boys, this round has been full of fight. Ding-hao has been throwing everything except the kitchen stove and the Tokyo Tiger has been replying with the same sort of hardware. I've asked Joe and he says the boys are in the pink. There is no doubt about it, folks: if they both last out they will stay the distance. WHAT A FIGHT, WHAT A FIGHT! We will now take you over to the Santa Lucia Ballroom until the gong sounds for Round Two. It was anybody's round, both the men leading on points, with a shade in favour of each of them.

(Instructions to printer:—Please set above fifteen times, round by round. I've got something else to do besides type out all this tripe.

Printer:—Ses you!)

Letters to the Editor

WISE PRECAUTIONS

Shorter Office Hours

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—It was most gratifying to note the many advertisements in your paper this morning announcing the firms who have decided to keep their offices open in the mornings only.

Not only is this an humanitarian gesture on the part of the office Managers but it also falls in with the Council's wish, expressed over the radio and also in the daily newspapers, that private car owners should assist in conserving the supply of gasoline in the Settlement.

Let us hope that more "taipans" in Shanghai will fall in line with the other "taipans" and keep their office staff to a minimum, thus helping in the protection of life which will lessen the chance of casualties and overburdening the already overtaxed Ambulance Corps.

SAFETY FIRST.

Shanghai, Aug. 23.

"CLEARING THE GROUND"

Tributes to Authorities

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—There is no question that the reading of your editorial article entitled, "Clearing the Ground," gives us much encouragement especially at this critical moment when rumours are floating in the air. The precautionary measure of evacuating women and children from Shanghai is certainly justifiable from an experimental point of view. Women and children, instead of helping us to bring back this war-torn city to its normal condition, may disturb us with their hysterical screams and excitements inherent in their mentality.

We are, however, very much surprised to see many full-grown males leaving Shanghai quite recently. We wonder whether they have the same kind of mentality as the members of the fair sex. If so, then the Sisters of Charity of the Sacred Heart Hospital will have greatly surpassed them in the spirit of heroism and service of good-will for humanity.

We can certainly agree with you that it is natural that many who have had to take painful personal decisions to co-operate with the authorities in contribution to the evacuation should at times have been exposed to the forces of hesitation fanned by this or that report which seemed to favour the view of personal inclination. Nevertheless, they should keep their heads cool and act judiciously and co-operatively for the welfare of the whole community of Shanghai, irrespective of nationalities. They should put private interests and safety behind common welfare of the community. This is the best spirit to be cherished for the resuscitation of Shanghai—the home of international brotherhood.

Yes, as genuine protectors of Shanghai, we should all muster our spirit, supporting the authorities of the International Settlement and French Concession, with a view to facilitating expeditious action for the maintenance of peace and order in and around Shanghai.

Hearty congratulations should be accorded to the authorities of the International Settlement and French Concession for the fine spirit of co-operation in affecting a better and calmer atmosphere in and around Shanghai as have been manifested by the opening of rice-shops, sub-stations of the S.M.C., and the running of the buses and tramcars in the important sections of this international metropolis. The careful way in which the British, American and French soldiers have put up the sandbags and kept watch in the strategic places for the protection of Shanghai also deserves our unanimous appreciation and support. The representatives of various philanthropic societies in their efforts to take care of the wounded soldiers and homeless refugees also deserve our unanimous appreciation and support.

There is still another problem which calls for our careful attention at this critical moment. It is the mobbish action of the unruly rioters and loafers, who have taken advantage of the present crisis, to kill pedestrians who look like Japanese in gait and stature, thereby endangering the lives of the innocent civilians by calling them "traitors," and diminishing the faith placed in the S.M.C. and the French M.C. to whom they have paid their monthly taxes for protection. Even though precautions have been made in stopping such attempts at lynching the unfortunates at certain places, yet a more vigilant watchfulness should be made by the guardians of peace any and everywhere with a view to increasing the faith of the taxpayers on the one hand and wiping out such barbarous actions right away on the other. This will be one step further towards reaching the goal of success in bringing the war-torn metropolis of Shanghai to its normal condition.

T. L. TIGER.
The Literary Tiger

Shanghai, Aug. 24.

U.S. DEMOCRATIC SPLIT WIDENS

Conservatives Likely to Oppose New Deal Group

Washington, Aug. 23.

Political warfare for the control of the Democratic party was foreseen to-day by expert political observers.

The likelihood of a party split was regarded as a logical development of the recently-ended bitter session of Congress, which saw both the right and left wings of the New Deal group weakened and the conservative southern Democrats emerging as possible challengers to the New Deal in 1940.

It was believed in most quarters that President Roosevelt was ready to carry his protest to the American people regarding the wreckage of his legislative programme, and that he might even call a special session of Congress in November to obtain some of his objectives, although such a session would primarily be summoned for the purpose of obtaining crop-surplus control and wages and hours legislation.—United Press.

U.S.S. AUGUSTA SHELLING REMAINS MYSTERY

Washington Informed Both Sides Warned to Exercise Care

Washington, Aug. 23.

Admiral Harry Yarnell, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet, reported to the Navy Department to-day that a special board of investigation found no definite evidence as to which of the opposing forces fired the shell which fell on the flagship Augusta.

He said the evidence on the location of the gun concerned was contradictory.

The opposing forces, Admiral Yarnell added, were immediately warned to exercise more care in directing their fire.—Reuter.

BRITISH DESTROYERS TO STAY IN MEDITERRANEAN

London, Aug. 23.

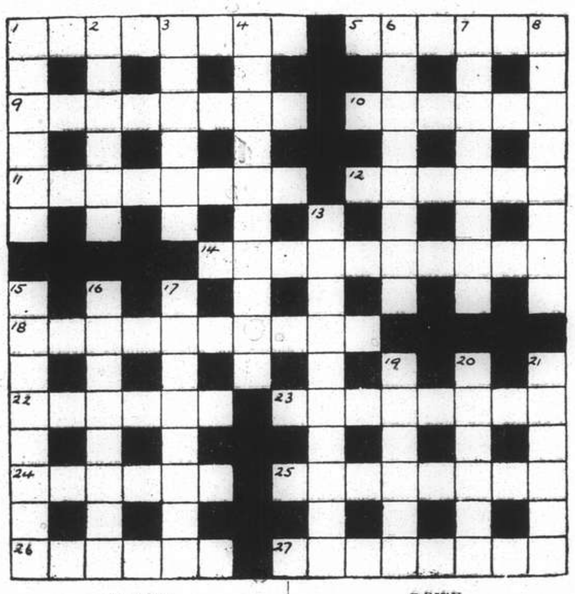
It is reported from Malta that the plan of relieving the squadron of destroyers stationed in Chinese waters by one of the destroyer squadrons attached to the Mediterranean fleet has now been dropped. Consequently three squadrons of destroyers will continue stationed at Malta but it is also announced there is likelihood of a fourth squadron of destroyers being stationed at Malta.—Trans-Ocean.

Major F. W. Gerrard, Commissioner of the Shanghai Municipal Police, arrived back in Shanghai from Japan yesterday, by the ss. Empress of Canada.

SOLUTION OF LONDON PUZZLE No. 1295

LONDON CROSS WORD NO. 1296

(By Arrangement with the "Daily Telegraph.")



ACROSS

1 This helps to keep things together
5 Feverish
9 The end of this feud is in sight
10 The tension is ended by a shower
11 A striking game
12 Depression common in war areas
14 The captain with three mates is not necessarily this, of course
18 "Gem painter" (anag)
22 One may possibly see planes along the sides of this
23 Cut off
24 No raid can produce order
25 Trying, but finally producing schism
26 The last phase
27 This country beheaded would seem a sleepy place

DOWN

1 A coward turns to what will give him shelter
2 It's a positive advantage to hold this card, but negative in time
3 Quite well balanced, since only tea has been taken internally
4 A canine
6 This has outside significance only
7 Drawing with final movement
8 An important body in U.S.A.
13 Mess at city has been rendered orderly
15 The garment one should apparently fasten in front
16 Very fine indeed
17 A false idea given by a Spaniard about a priest about us
19 Tailors do not approve of him at all
20 Feminine name of Royal association
21 Amalgamated

Commerce

MONEY & EXCHANGE

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1937

OFFICIAL SELLING RATES

Hongkong—demand C.S.$100 ..Hk. $94

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10.00 A.M.

£1 @ 1/2 1/4 ..... $ 16.84
U.S. $100 @ 29 1/4 ..... $341.88

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10.00 A.M.

£1 @ 1/2 3/8 ..... $16.4807
U.S. $100 @ 30 1/16 ..... $329.89
London—demand 1/2 3/16
4 months' sight credits 1/2 1/16
4 months' sight docts 1/2 3/16
6 months'sight credits 1/2 3/16
6 months' sight docts 1/2 1/16
New York—demand ..... U.S. $30 1/16
4 months' sight credits 30 1/16
4 monhts' sight docts 30 1/16
Paris—4 months' sight docts Fcs. nom.

Canadian Exchange

The Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China opening selling rate yesterday:—

Can. $100 at 29 1/16 = C.S.$339.70

National City Bank of New York

MARKET SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

U.S. $1 = C.S.$3.3613 Stg. £1 = C.S.$16.769

MARKET BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

U.S. $1 = C.S.$3.3058 Stg. £1 = C.S.$16.481

Italian Bank for China

It. Lire 5.55 = C.S.$1 Swiss F. 1.28 = C.S.$1
Tourist Lire 6.17 ..... = C.S.$1

Deutsch-Asiatische Bank

OPENING SELLING RATES

Berlin-H'burg T.T. C.S.$100 = Rm. 73.1/4
C.S.$100 = Registermark 118.00

LOCAL EXCHANGE REPORT

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

£ Highest 1/2 1/2 Lowest 1/2 3/4
U.S. G.S 30 1/8 30 3/8
Yen 103 103

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

	SELLING	BUYING
£ T.T.		Cash
G.S T.T.		1/2 1/4
Fcs. T.T.		29 5/8
Rs. T.T.		788
		785/8

BAR SILVER

	Ready	For'd
London pence per std. oz.	19 1/8	19 1/8
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	44 3/4	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	51.11	—

Bombay offtake 50 bars. Market quiet.

London silver was 19 1/8 ready and forward. New York unchanged 44 3/4. Bombay 51.11, up 1 anna. India sold, speculators bought. Market quiet. After the official fixing market idle and unchanged.

The local exchange market opened for merchant business with sellers for cash at 1/2 1/4 sterling, U.S.$29 5/8, Yen 103. Market was on a cash basis entirely while the business was only of a small nature. A fair amount has been sold again by foreign banks at 1/2 1/2 sterling, U.S.$30 1/8 to the Government banks, both currencies for ready delivery.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Aug. 23.

Stock prices on Wall Street to-day were apathetically lower, up to 2 points, with steels under pressure despite the slight increase in mill activity. Developments in the Far East were a restraining influence and, while industrial and trade news did not provide any incentive, the decline was accompanied by gossip of a further slowing down of business during the next few weeks. The turnover to-day amounted to 560,000 shares.—Reuter.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Aug. 23.

The feature of the very quiet dealings of the Stock Exchange to-day was the marking down of Japanese bonds by three to four per cent., the market being nervous about the latest Japanese financial developments. Chinese issues eased about two per cent., but the market was flat and business was almost at a standstill. The Far Eastern situation continues to hang over business in other sections of the Stock Exchange.—Reuter.

BRITISH COMMODITY MARKETS

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Aug. 23.

Among commodities, wheat eased on rains in Argentina and Australia.—Reuter.

MANILA GOLD SHARES

Monday's turnover: 4,145,030 shares. S. C. and F. Index: (Closing Prices) 99.52.—Reuter.

Discovered—the Real Enemy: The Fly

It wasn't so much the bombs, shells, anti-aircraft, machine-gun and rifle firing, or the bully beef and tinned sausage, or the dearth of tea, beer and allied amenities—it was the fly and mosquito pest which most vexed brave little groups of Settlement policemen who were stationed along Yangtszepoo Road during the last few days.

Yangtszepoo Station, Yulin Road Station and the Reserve Unit, Chemulpo Road, had been reoccupied by the S.M.P. yesterday. Hence some of the half dozen sub-stations on the bank of the Whangpoo could be abandoned.

But, as one foreign sergeant who had seen service in Egypt and Arabia—and knew all about flies—said yesterday: "It's the pestiferous little so-and-so's who make this war as bad as it is out on the Eastern Front!"

DEADLOCK AT GAOL CONTINUES

No More Prisoners Are Shifted West

The situation at the Ward Road Gaol remained unchanged yesterday, no further prisoners being evacuated to territory south of the Soochow Creek.

Only about 500 of the prisoners have been shifted from the gaol, which still houses more than 5,000 men. Owing to comparative stable conditions in Yangtszepoo yesterday, however, the tension amongst the inmates had somewhat relaxed.

The prisoners shifted included the foreign male inmates and the boys from the reformatory, whose removal to the Settlement western area caused the Japanese authorities to refuse permission for further evacuation.

JAPANESE SENDING FOOD HERE

Patriots Give Huge Sums to Army and Navy

Osaka, Aug. 24.

Appropriating Y.150,000 for the purpose, the Japanese Cotton Mill Owners' Association in China to-day decided to establish food depots in Dairen and Nagasaki to send foodstuffs to Japanese residents in Tsingtao and Shanghai.—Domei.

Huge Donations To Navy

Tokyo, Aug. 24.

Monetary contributions to the Navy Office were yesterday well over Y.5 1/2 million. Contributions brought in during yesterday amounted to Y.158,671.66. Meanwhile, the War Office announced that contributions to the army had passed the Y.10,000,000 mark.—Domei.

ANOTHER AIR RAID ON NANKING

Small Damage Reported from Latest Visitation

Nanking, Aug. 23.

Six Japanese bombers appeared from a north-westerly direction shortly after midnight and flashed across the northern outskirts of the capital, dropping five bombs into the Lotus Lake and one on the city wall, causing slight damage.

Lotus Lake is one of Nanking's scenic spots and the favourite canoeing centre in summer months.

The raid was very brief, the Japanese 'planes quickly disappearing in an easterly direction.

Apparently, the visitors tried to hit Chinese aircraft positions at Paichiko, intensive fire from which is reported to have shot down one Japanese bomber on August 19.—Reuter

S.M.C. ASSISTANCE FOR RICE CONSIGNEES

All holders of rice warrants, bills of lading, or other documents covering rice stored in Hunt's Wharf, who desire the Council's assistance in removing this to accessible godowns, should call without delay at the office of the Food Transport Committee, Room 602, S.M.C. Administration Building. Efforts will be made to remove the stocks of those handing in documents, but no guarantee can be given and no responsibility will be assumed by the Council. No claims of any kind will be entertained. This offer of assistance in respect of rice in Hunt's Wharf remains open only until Friday, August 27, at 5 p.m.

FOOTBALL SEASON AT DOLLAR WHARF

Crew of British Ship Change Over From Cricket

The football season has started at the Dollar Wharf where most of the crew of the British steamer Red Gate has been stranded since the beginning of the Sino-Japanese hostilities. The boom opposite the Chinese Bund has prevented the vessel from proceeding to sea.

To pass the time the crew commenced an intensive cricket programme to the astonishment of the Chinese troops in the district, but a local foreign pilot, who realized that the football season is here, sent the men up a football and the change has been effected. Incidentally, the Scottish football season starts earlier than the English season and grave suspicions are entertained that the chief engineer—obviously a Scot because all good chief engineers are Scotsmen—has exercised his influence in the question.

The latest reports did not indicate whether any Chinese recruits are available but they are needed because two full elevens cannot be fielded.

NEW ITALIAN FORCES ARRIVE

Lepanto Brings Marines From North China

Italian reinforcements from North China have resulted in the withdrawal of Italian bluejackets from the Carlotto who have been occupying their sector along the Settlement boundary since the outbreak of the local Sino-Japanese hostilities.

The Italian gunboat Lepanto arrived here from Tientsin on Sunday with a party of marines from the San Marco battalion. Immediately, the marines together with the bluejackets from the Lepanto, took up the positions assigned to them for the defence of the Settlement. This enabled the withdrawal, for the time being, of the men already in the line.

Italian forces are now occupying approximately the same positions they held in the defence of the Settlement during the hostilities of 1932.

'FRENCH ANNAMITES PASS HONGKONG

Shanghai Concession Will Be Defended

Hongkong, Aug. 24.

A detachment of 650 French and Annam troops, called from their garrisons in French Indo-China, passed through here yesterday en route to Shanghai to defend the French Concession. They are expected to arrive there two days later.

As indicated in reports from Paris, part of the French forces may be assigned to assist the British and American troops in guarding the International Settlement in Shanghai.—Central News.

MATERIAL FOR HOSPITAL SUPPLIES NEEDED

The Chinese Women's Club requests that any donations be sent direct to the Secretary, c/o the club room, 999 Bubbling Well Road, and not to any individual member. They will be received any time between the following office hours, 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. and 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. At present old clothing, gauze, bedding and material for hospital supplies are greatly needed.

EVACUATION FROM EAST DISTRICT

A total of 154 persons and a considerable quantity of baggage were evacuated from the Eastern District yesterday, including a group of 120 persons from Baikal Road. Three buses and seven trucks were engaged on this work.

New Advertisements

ATTRACTIVE EXCURSION FARES TO JAPAN

Attractive 1st Class Round Trip Tickets will be issued for steamers to Japan, sailing between June 15 and September 14 with final return limit October 31 at the following rates:—

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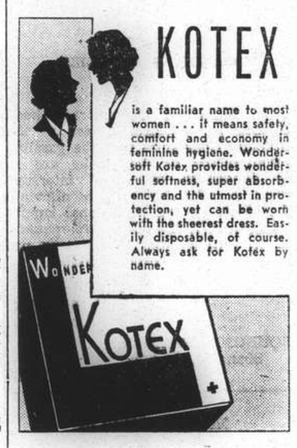

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Shanghai 78% Outports 22%

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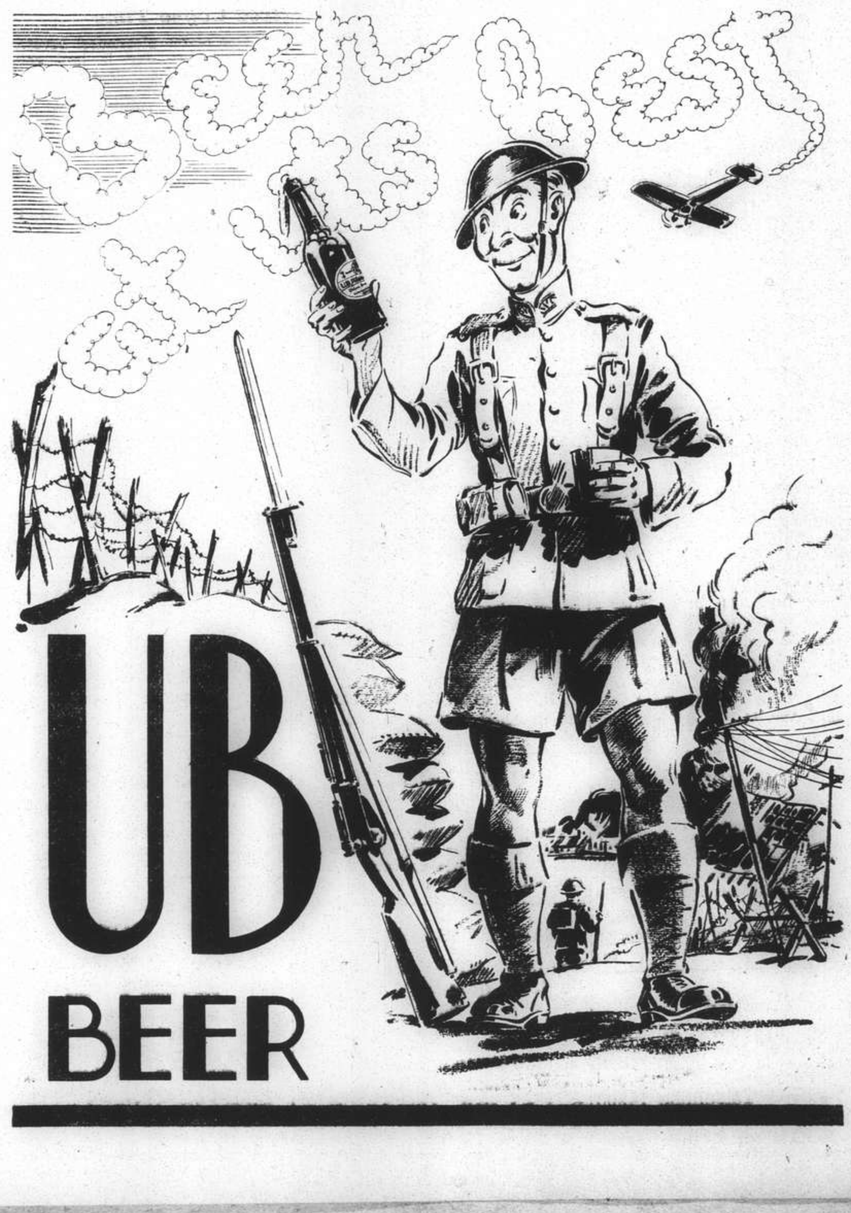


MORE NEW COMMITTEES FOR EMERGENCY WORK

S.M.C. Gradually Decentralizing Present Activity: Fifth Radio Broadcast

IN all sections of municipal activity, work is being gradually decentralized and special organizations established to deal with particular problems, in order that the fullest efficiency may be maintained, said yesterday's S.M.C. Radio broadcast. For example, within the past few days a medical supplies sub-committee, a water transport sub-committee and a Chinese evacuation sub-committee have been set up. The water transport committee is concentrating upon the work of bringing any kind of goods across the river. The medical supplies committee will relieve the central medical authorities of anxiety respecting the maintenance and distribution of all the essential requisites for medical work.

Now that the evacuation of Chinese refugees is taking practical shape, a committee is being formed to supervise the hundred and one details connected with transportation. This committee will help to co-ordinate the work being done by Chinese organizations, Chinese benevolent institutions and many others. Assistance will be sought from all those in a position to give practical help, so that the refugees may be shipped away as expeditiously as possible under conditions which do not involve further unnecessary suffering.

It may well be imagined that this work alone will involve masses of detail which can only be handled by those with special experience and it is a relief to know that Messrs. Lacey & Cannan have generously offered their offices as headquarters and the services of their staff to attend to the routine duties.

S.V.C. Work

The splendid work of the Shanghai Volunteers is well-known and appreciated. The arrival of the Royal Welch Fusiliers enabled them to be relieved after a continuous spell of front-line duty of over five days, and they have now taken over their duties for the internal defence of the Settlement. One battalion is covering the whole of "A" and "B" police divisions, the Central district, Louza and Chengtu Road being the "A" Division and the Sinza Road, Bubbling Well Road, Gordon and Pootoo Roads being the "B" Division. The Corps Cavalry and the Armoured Cars are covering, with armoured car and lorry patrols, the whole of the Settlement area as required. One battalion is always in reserve.

One Company of "C" Battalion is for immediate duty at S.V.C. Headquarters. A portion of the battalion is on Soochow Creek and the Bund post duty at night and the remainder of the battalion is standing by to give assistance to the police in the event of emergency riot calls or calls of a similar nature. No praise can be too high of the work of all members of the Corps since the trouble started and, in this connection, the work of the Transport, Signals, Engineer Field Company and the Supply and Q. M. S. Staff and other sections should not be forgotten.

Man Power

A few words regarding the general registration of the Settlement's manpower, which term, of course, includes women, may be of interest. With the formation of many committees for emergency duties and the vastly increased volume of work that fell on departments already denuded of staff by the calls of the S.V.C., the need for additional workers at once became apparent. At the same time, future possibilities had to be considered, and measures taken to ensure that any sudden call for helpers of any particular description, could be met with the minimum of delay.

Accordingly an appeal for voluntary workers was issued through the press, and the Man Power Office was established to deal with the response. As volunteers come along they are registered and classified according to the kind of work which they undertake to perform, and at the same time close contact is maintained with various departments and committees, as well as with such unofficial bodies as the International Relief Committee and kindred organizations. If these organizations desire assistance they have only to ring up the Man Power Office and usually their requests can now be met, with only the delay involved in summoning some-one by telephone. The Man Power Office is also kept informed as far as possible of any likely future requirements, so that they can make arrangements for meeting the need should it arise.

Naturally, in the first day or two, when registration was only commencing, it was not always possible to meet demands at once. Even at the beginning, however, there was very little delay. There was, for example, an urgent call for truck drivers to be enrolled in a reserve corps against times of emergency. A special advertisement was inserted in the press and so satisfactory was the response that by the evening of the third day a corps 72 strong, each member of which had passed the police test had been created. To-day it numbers 90 while there are another thirty on the files of the Office.

Other Needs

At one time, the need was for expert stenographers. This was quickly met, as was also a call for volunteers to assist in the evacuation of refugees, from the war-zone. A further request was for someone to manage a motor launch, and another for were successfully met, and, at the same time, the work of registration and classification went workers to run a refrigerating plant in Broadway. All of these requests were successfully met, and, at the same time, the work of registration and classification went steadily on until now there are nearly 700 men and women of all nationalities and all trades and professions on the files. Not all of them, of course, have yet been called on but in the very act of registering they have performed a public service, for the information thus rendered available may be of the greatest help and save valuable time and waste of effort should a sudden emergency arise.

The scope of the office is not always, one gathers, fully understood, as when someone rang up for a Chinese mason and blacksmith to repair a bank gate in Kiukiang Road, and one fire-eating gentleman wished to register, with direct simplicity, as a "killer." At times too, the machinery established for co-operation may have had somewhat unexpected results, and the office extends its heartiest apologies to a most respectable member of the community in search of a useful job of work, who found himself handed on from department to department until eventually he fell into the clutches of the police, who proceeded to take his finger-prints. However, the public may rest assured that such little *contretemps* are few and far between, and that the gentleman who admitted to having just served a term in Nanking gaol for embezzlement was not sent to the Finance Department.

Public Works Department

The reports from the P. W. D. continue to be satisfactory and all the essential services are being carried on normally. The Department is co-operating with the S.V.C. Chief Billeting Officer on emergency work for the Volunteers, the British Defence Forces and the U.S. Marine Corps, and matsheds in compounds of various billets and over posts of the Shanghai Defence Forces are being constructed as required. Yesterday, eleven more truck drivers passed the necessary tests, bringing the total strength to fifty drivers, (twelve paid and 38 voluntary).

Food Supplies

Merchants with stocks of foodstuffs for foreign consumption are again asked to send in details of their stocks to the Food Committee. A number of replies to this request have been received, but the information in the possession of the committee is not yet complete, and it is hoped that the required co-operation will be forthcoming so that the close contact is maintained with ganization may be concluded without further delay.

Market Prices

It was reported yesterday that there was an abundance of fresh foodstuffs in the Settlement markets and that the situation as regards fodder supplies was satisfactory. To-day the reports from the Western and Central district markets indicate that the supply of fresh vegetables exceeded the demand, and that, consequently, there was a slight decrease in prices. Except that one stall holder succeeded in bringing in a few live carp from Nantao, cold storage is the only source of supply for fish. Haddock are 20 cents a catty and fresh carp 25 cents a catty. The supply of fresh pork increased, with the price around 40 cents a pound. Beef also was available in larger quantities at 50 cents a pound. Eggs from cold storage are selling at 20 for the dollar. Duck eggs, which are plentiful, cost 36 a dollar. Rice is being sold in small quantities in a considerable number of shops, the prices being, per picul, superior quality $15, medium quality $13.60 and inferior quality $11.00. Flour, which is plentiful, is selling at $4.50 per bag of 49 lbs.

Buses

The number of buses in operation has increased from 30 to 42, and it is hoped to increase the number in the next few days.

Postal Parcels

The Post Office, North Szechuen and North Soochow Roads, is open daily for the delivery of parcels, both domestic and foreign, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Post Office may be reached on foot or by car by using either the Kiangse or Honan Road Bridge. The entrance to the Office is by the large grill door, North Soochow Road. Air mail for Europe via Hongkong and for America via Hongkong and Manila will be forwarded by steamer to Hongkong for transmission by available air routes.

Military Activity

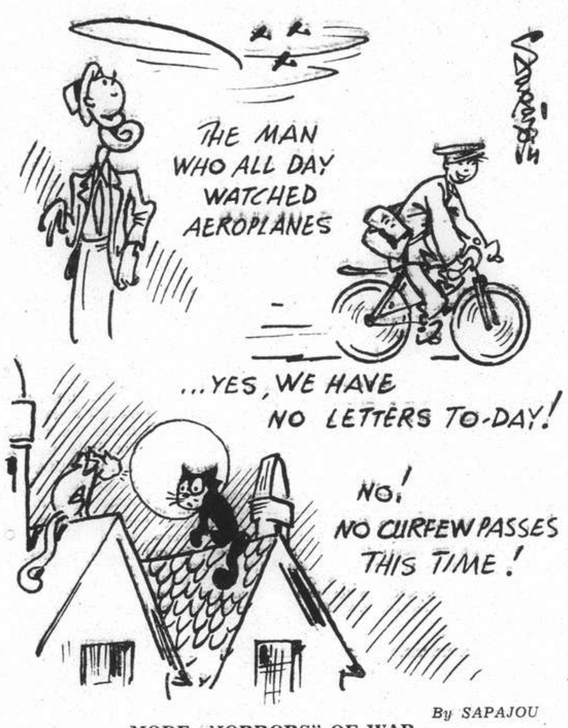
There is very little to report regarding military activities near the Settlement since last evening. With reference to the Nanking Road tragedy, all debris has been cleared away and the road is now open to vehicular traffic. The necessary repairs to the road and footpaths were commenced immediately and at midday were practically completed. In order to avoid injury to pedestrians due to the possibility of loose masonry falling, the section of the road affected has been closed to pedestrian traffic by barriers.

The official estimate of casualties is now, killed 173; wounded 549. Two foreign civilians were killed and four wounded, the wounded including two ladies. The police casualties comprised one Sikh constable and two Chinese constables killed; a Sikh Havildar and four Chinese constables seriously wounded and a Chinese Inspector, a Chinese Police Sergeant and three Chinese police constables slightly injured.

With the sudden and unexpected explosion of shells or bombs, casualties cannot be avoided. That is the risk which Shanghai is taking, and must continue to take until the fighting is removed from this area. But the risk of such appalling loss of life as occurred yesterday would be reduced to a minimum if people would keep off the streets as much as possible and, most important of all, refrain from congregating in crowds. There is ground for belief that the great majority of those killed or wounded in Nanking Road yesterday were refugees and others aimlessly wandering around or loitering at the street corners. Police warnings have been issued repeatedly against this practice, and they wish to emphasize these now. Little can be done in the way of official action compared with what might be done by the exercise of more prudence on the part of the populace. As has been sadly proved, the streets may be dangerous. The people, of course, must move around in the ordinary course of business, but there should be no unnecessary loitering and, most certainly, no gathering in crowds.

Police Return

The Police Stations at Yulin Road, Yangtszepoo and Reserve Unit (East), Chemulpo Road, have been re-occupied by the Shanghai Municipal Police.



By SAPAJOU

MORE "HORRORS" OF WAR

MEDICAL SUPPLIES APPEAL

Medical Association Report On Special Needs: Doctors and Medicines Still Required

The Chinese Medical Association reports that the hospital situation in Shanghai and the medical relief of refugees are well in hand. Shanghai has probably never before faced such tremendous problems of medical and public health importance. The various health authorities, hospitals, Red Cross, International Relief Committee and numerous voluntary organizations have displayed wonderful enthusiasm and success in meeting this abnormal situation. As a result, some ten emergency hospitals (established by the Red Cross Society) and three emergency hospitals (established by the Red Swastika Society) have already been organized to accommodate over three thousand wounded soldiers and civilians. Various hospitals which have had to be evacuated from the fighting zone have further established temporary premises in the safer areas, including St. Luke's Hospital, the Shanghai General Hospital, and Margaret Williamson Hospital. Over 80 refugee camps have been established in which are concentrated some 62,000 persons. Through the co-operation of the Chinese Medical Association, doctors have been provided to undertake medical relief work in these refugee camps under the direction of the Commissioner of Refugees of the Shanghai Municipal Council.

The Chinese Medical Association has been making daily inspections of these hopitals, with a view to co-ordinating their work and securing an even distribution of patients and supplies, with greater efficiency. As a result of their inspection trips, officers of the Chinese Medical Association have found out certain special needs, which may be met through the courtesy of your columns. We announce an appeal on the following three points:—

(1) Doctors have been required for emergency and refugee work by various authorities; the Chinese Medical Association acts as a clearing house for such needs. Will doctors willing to help please send their name, address and telephone number to the Chinese Medical Association, 41 Tszepang Road, Telephone 30846?
(2) Social work by organizations and individuals is still needed for some of the emergency hospitals; if persons wishing to help will communicate with the Chinese Medical Association, they will be put in touch with those hospitals which need help most; the Chinese Medical Association will also be pleased to forward any gifts to the hospitals. Cotton, gauze, bandages and all forms of medical supplies are required.
(3) Several business firms have kindly offered to supply materials for wounded soldiers at special reduced prices, for example the Yuen Yuen Cotton Weaving Co. is supplying sheets, dresses, blankets, towels, etc., at half price. Will other firms willing to do the same please notify the Medical Supplies Department of the Chinese Medical Association, 41 Tszepang Road, Telephone 33858?

REFUGEE CAMP FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN

Relief Work by Chinese Women Organizations

A refugee camp for women, children and expectant mothers has been opened under the joint auspices of the Y.M.C.A., Ginling College Alumni, and the Chinese Women's Club in the McTyeire Kindergarten and Primary School at the corner of Route de Sieyes and Route Delastre. There are several departments to ensure efficient running and a doctor and nurses to take care of the medical side. All workers are voluntary.

The first batch of refugees to be accommodated numbered 200, most of them having been housed formerly in the Great World. More are arriving daily and are being well cared for in ideal surroundings, the school possessing a fine campus.

The first case treated was that of a woman whose baby was actually born in the rickshaw she rode in, just as she arrived at the front gate. She was immediately taken care of, but the baby died, being prematurely born.

Although it is hoped that all refugees will gradually be sent back to their native provinces, it is expected that this will take some time. The cost of feeding one person per month has been estimated at $4.50.

JAPANESE LANDING DESCRIBED

Wounded Soldier Tells of Bayonet Charge

A graphic description of the landing of Japanese troops near Shanghai early on Monday morning was given yesterday by a Japanese soldier who was wounded during the landing operations.

"At three o'clock on Monday morning," the soldier related, "our company was commanded to obtain a foothold on land. We disembarked at some points to the east of Shanghai.

"Most of the men in the company felt that there would be little danger, since we were being covered by a heavy barrage from Japanese men-of-war.

"Suddenly, however, about three companies of the enemy opened fire on us with machine guns. They were entrenched approximately fifty metres from our positions.

"As soldiers dropped all around, our commander ordered fixed bayonets, and we charged the trenches. Land mines laid in our path exploded with terrific detonations but we kept on.

"After taking the first line trenches, we ran into the main body of the enemy. Our charge succeeded and the enemy dropped back, but we suffered a great many casualties.

"The path, however, was now cleared for the remaining Japanese troops who landed without difficulty."—Domei.

JULY REPORT OF LESTER CHINESE HOSPITAL

The Lester Chinese Hospital report for July, shows the usual annual increase in the work, over that of the preceding month and follows the experience of past years. Out-patient visits, prescriptions, dispensed, cases brought in by the Municipal and French Police, have increased by 20 per cent. whilst the number of radiographs taken, has increased 50 per cent. The month has been a record in the Maternity Ward, 28 babies having been born.

SS. SPHINX BRINGING TROOPS TO-DAY

The Messageries Maritimes ss. Sphinx, carrying French troops, is expected to arrive off Woosung at noon to-day from Marseilles. On Friday the mv. Porthos of the same line is due in port carrying a battalion of reinforcements for the defence of the French Concession.

N.K.K. GODOWNS SET ON FIRE

Japanese Charge Chinese Troops With Act

SUPPLIES FOR REFUGEES LANDED HERE

Eight godowns belonging to the Nisshin Kisen Kaisha, on the Pootung shore off Nantao, were set on fire by Chinese troops early yesterday morning, the spokesman for the Japanese Embassy announced yesterday morning. Two houses were also fired, the Japanese official alleged.

Chinese reports of the sinking of a Japanese gunboat by artillery fire off Woosung were denied by a naval spokesman attending the morning press conference.

"The Chinese have not got the guns with which to sink a gunboat," he asserted.

Both the Embassy and naval spokesmen emphasized that Japanese aircraft had avoided flying over the Settlement or the French Concession since the "Bloody Saturday" tragedies.

"Under no circumstances do Japanese aircraft loaded with bombs fly over the Settlement south of Soochow Creek or over the Concession. Fighting craft sometimes have flown over these areas when engaged in pursuing Chinese aircraft, but never did they carry bombs," the Embassy spokesman declared.

Pointing to the size of the explosive loads that fell on the southern part of the Settlement on Monday at noon, the naval spokesman declared that such large missiles could not be carried by seaplanes.

Only Japanese seaplanes were in the air around at noon on Monday, he declared.

Two motor-truck loads of foodstuffs donated by Japanese philanthropic bodies for distribution among "innocent foreign and Chinese refugees" in Shanghai have been landed in Shanghai, the spokesman announced.

These gifts have been handed over to Mr. J. R. Jones, chairman of the International Relief Committee, and to the Chairman of the French Municipal Council for distribution.

PERHAPS SAFER TO JOIN THE ARMY

About 1,500 Shanghai civilians have now been killed. The three scenes of carnage have been the two most crowded intersections in the Settlement, and the heart of the foreign business area. It has been as though some satanic hand guided the aerial bombs to the exact places where they would do the most destruction, to civilian life. A striking contrast is afforded by the above figure and the Japanese military report stating that 37 Japanese servicemen had been killed in the first three days of action on the Shanghai front including air raids by both sides.

FAMED COMMUNIST FREED BY NANKING

Nanking, Aug. 24.

Mr. Chen Tu-hsiu, well-known communist leader who was released yesterday as a result of reduction of his sentence from eight years' imprisonment to three years by the National Government, will call on various government authorities to express his gratitude for the freedom given back to him. The communist leader, it may be recalled, was first sentenced to fifteen years of imprisonment on charges of having endangered the safety of the state in 1932. Upon his appeal the Supreme Court commuted his term to eight years.—Central News.

CHINESE STUDENTS TO SAIL FOR AMERICA

As a result of the Sino-Japanese hostilities in and around Shanghai, many Chinese students have been unable to sail for America owing to the fact that most of the foreign boats have been commandeered by their respective governments for evacuation purposes.

Registration of students to sail for the United States is now being held in the Y.M.C.A. in Rue de Montigny.—Central News.

DR. FILCHNER FREED BY TUNGANS

London, Aug. 23.

Dr. Wilhelm Filchner, the renowned German explorer who was prevented for six months from leaving Khotan in the province of Sinkiang by Tungans tribesmen, is now reported here to have been granted permission to make his way unmolested to the Indian frontier.—Trans-Ocean.

SKODA ARMS FOR CHINA ORDER DENIED

Berlin, Aug. 23.

The Chinese Minister of Finance, Dr. H. H. Kung, arrived at Bad Nauheim to-day. The Chinese Legation denied he had given the Skoda works new orders during his visit to Czechoslovakia.—United Press.

OLD MOTHER OF 80 LEFT TO MOURN

Whole Family Wiped Out in Sincere's Explosion

Gripped in the tension of terror, tales of horror and of human grief have dulled their edge for the citizens of Shanghai. Yet there has come to certain knowledge, a most pathetic instance of sorrow in the story a frail Chinese widow of eighty years has to tell. Her son, well known locally among business people, and his family, were in Sincere's when the bomb fell.

He is Mr. Chang Chi-chwang, of the business department of the Ningpo Insurance Co., Ltd. He learned of grief in war when in the 1932 hostilities outside this city he lost all he possessed in Chapei. This time he evacuated with his family as soon as trouble was too apparently brewing and came from Chapei to a Chinese hotel in Tientsin Road.

On Unhappy Monday at noon he had taken his wife who carried his infant son of eight months in her arms, and his two daughters to Sincere's to buy food stocks against the forthcoming week. This explosion occurred. One of his daughters, sadly maimed and since lost, was able to convey her address and the tragic news of the death of her father, mother, brother and sister, to someone unidentified. It was thus the news came to the lonely grandmother, eighty years of age, who sat waiting in the hotel, waiting for those who will now never return.

ROWING CLUB SHELL EVACUATED

Long Racing Boats Taken to S'hai Cricket Club

Through the streets of the Settlement in the early hours of the morning went a long procession yesterday of Rowing Club racing shells on the shoulders of coolies. The Club's pavilion on Soochow Creek was considered too dangerous a site for the valuable property so on Sunday the evacuation began. By yesterday over thirty shells had been carried to the Shanghai Cricket Club in the Recreation Ground. Too long to be transported in trucks, the shells were hoisted on to the shoulders of coolies. It is the first time that boats have been taken into the Race Course.

The Rowing Club looked deserted yesterday. But although "A" Company, the Jewish Company and all the racing boats have been evacuated, the fiery old No. 1 laodah has no intention of leaving. Asked if he would leave, he expostulated "Splose I go who man lookee!" He has long guarded the Club's premises and a little thing like war in the vicinity was beside the point in his opinion.

DISTRIBUTION OF MILK SURPLUS SUPPLIES

The following figures have been issued by the S.M.C. in connection with the Collection of surplus milk from licensed dairies and distribution of same to hospitals and refugee camps:—

Collection

Dairies	Milk (in lb.)
Li Yuen	200
Standard	80
Hongkew	20
Columbia	200
Total	500

Distribution

Lester Hospital	150
General Hospital	50
Refugee Camp (Foochow Rd. Market)	100
Refugee Camp (P.W.D. Depot)	120
In Cold Storage	80
Total	500

REFUGEE WORK

The daily S.M.C. report on refugee work follows:—

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No. of Camps under inspection by Health Department	88
No. of refugees therein	62,395
No. of refugees vaccinated	858

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REFUGEE SHIPS AT WOOSUNG

Held Up by Incessant Severe Fighting

Thousands of refugees waited at the Kinglienyuan Wharf on the French Bund in vain yesterday for the arrival of three ships which have been chartered specially to transport them to Ningpo.

The vessels, ss. Hsin Peking, ss. Ningshing and ss. Shun Foh, which have been on the Shanghai-Ningpo run carrying refugees, were expected to return to Shanghai from Ningpo yesterday morning to take additional refugees to the latter city.

As the vessels reached the vicinity of Woosung at about 6 a.m., the fighting was so severe that they had to seek immediate shelter. Incessant gunfire kept on by Japanese men-of-war and Chinese artillery and machine-guns prevented the ships from entering Whangpoo.

It was reported yesterday afternoon that the steamers are not expected to arrive here until this morning.

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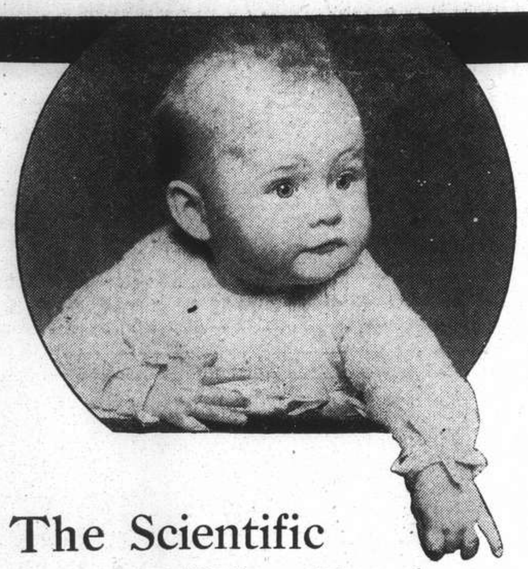

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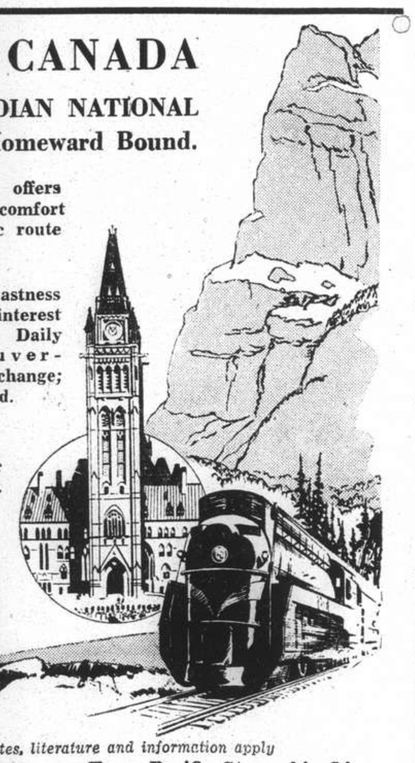

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DEATHS

BRUNNER.—On August 23, 1937 from shrapnel wounds, ALFRED ULRICH BRUNNER, aged 32 years, the dearly beloved husband of Thelma Dolores (née Stadtmann) and son-in-law of Mrs. E. C. Staudt. No flowers by request, but donations may be sent to "Helvetia" Swiss Benevolent Society. Interment will be private.

CHAGIN.—On August 24, 1937, at the Russian Orthodox Hospital, Mrs. MARIA CHAGIN, aged 40 years, the dearly beloved wife of Mr. Jacob C. Chagin. Removed to the parlours of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road. Funeral services to-morrow, August 26th. at the Russian Orthodox Church, Route Paul Henry at 3 p.m., to be followed by interment at the Hungjao Road Cemetery at 4 p.m.

ECKERT.—On August 23, 1937, at the Paulun Hospital from shrapnel wounds, CLAUS ECKERT, aged 16 years, the dearly beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Eckert. Funeral services will be held to-day, Aug. 25 at the Chapel of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road at 5 p.m.

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RESPONSIBILITIES

Discussion of the responsibility for plunging Shanghai into the present welter of destruction seems to take much the same line as that which asks the question: did the chicken or the egg come first? The major issue is, of course, the pressure put on China, especially in the North, by the developments of Japanese policy. China has been faced with such evidence of Japanese encroachment supported by such far-reaching demands, that her Government has felt at stake its very existence, to say nothing of its honour. Antecedent acts of aggression, attended by undisclosed pacts, had actually weakened China's capacity for direct resistance in the North. With the creation of the East Hopei régime, the establishment of the Hopei-Charhar Political Council—now to be abolished after having served Japan's turn—the task of striking at Japan's forces in the North became one of enormous difficulty for the Central Government. Yet it could not manoeuvre itself into a position for accepting Japan's terms without imperilling its political stability. Hence it has been assumed—rightly or wrongly—that the launching of an attack on Japanese forces near Shanghai was dictated by politico-military strategy. To that extent, in respect of the purely local situation here, the initiative was taken by China, but obviously that does not relieve Japan of the fundamental responsibility which has engaged so critical an attention from the whole world. Whether either side really appreciated the danger of staging hostilities in the heart of a huge city and, if it had, would have persevered in the enterprise must be left open to doubt. Events of the last fortnight have tragically shown that modern missiles of war are difficult to control. So, terrible loss of life and property has been inflicted on Shanghai without securing any substantial military objective.

Shanghai, torn and bleeding, has a right to probe this situation. After the events of 1932 the Japanese plan for making Shanghai safe by surrounding it with a demilitarized zone could not be considered because the other Powers would not associate themselves with Japanese attacks of which they strongly disapproved. The creation of a Joint Civil Commission to supervise the observance of the Shanghai Truce by China and Japan was, in effect, designed to give Shanghai some assurance that it would not be again involved in hostilities. Unfortunately the Commission was never seriously used. This partly arose from the feeling that the best way to help Shanghai to return to normality was to "let sleeping dogs lie." On the same principle Japanese plans to strengthen a grip on the Hongkew and Yangtzepoo areas of the Settlement were tacitly ignored. This naturally was not reassuring to the Chinese authorities who, as time went on, were inclined to develop the military character of the Peace Preservation Corps, originally established with Japanese approval. Shanghai thus was exposed to a series of incidents which increased tension. The reality of Japanese aggression was exemplified by the fact that if some "accident" happened to a Japanese subject it immediately became a first-class political event demanding the personal attention of the highest officers in the administrations of the City Government and the Settlement. If a British sailor were knocked on the head in a cabaret row, routine investigation by competent but not necessarily senior police officials followed. If a Japanese were overtaken by such a mishap the higher ranks of the official diplomatic and civil authorities were duly stirred until the issue had been cleared. With the rising tide of resentment against Japan on account of events in the North, an already tense situation in Shanghai became heavily charged with explosive possibilities.

Both Japanese and Chinese local officials, however, perceived the danger and it is only fair to them to say that they strained every nerve to avert it. Looking back on the last few weeks, it is evident to the dispassionate observer that, thanks to the prompt contacts established between Mr. Shimeasa Okamoto and Mr. O. K. Yui, there was a real Sino-Japanese combination to keep Shanghai out of the storm which was seen to be approaching. The menacing tone of Japan's pronouncements in Tokyo and Tientsin naturally alarmed Nanking. Whether the measures for reinforcing the Peace Preservation Corps and for putting its bailiwick in a state of military defence were chronologically antecedent to Japanese naval movement cannot be satisfactorily determined. It really does not matter for, if the weaker man sees the stronger preparing to deliver a blow, the decision which appears to anticipate events is a logically defensive precaution. The Shanghai truce had served its immediate purpose; it was not precisely enough framed to do more, especially in view of the virtual inaction of the Joint Commission. In the final stages local Japanese actions here were undoubtedly restrained and in marked contrast to earlier demonstrations, but the wind had been sown. The whirlwind, in the shape of the rapid military reinforcement of the Peace Preservation Corps, had to be reaped and Shanghai's travail began. This is no time to criticize or assess the strategy and tactics of either side. For both the proof of the pudding will be in the eating—a process which has not been completed. At the same time, Shanghai has some right to express views on the appalling consequences of its exposure to the casual accidents of warfare in which it is not directly concerned. Let there be no doubt: the Chinese and Japanese Governments have both professed a desire to spare neutral property and lives. Unfortunately neither has been able to take the appropriate step to ensure fulfilment of that aim. Not that diplomatic, consular or municipal authorities have been supine. If the secret history of the last few weeks be ever known it will probably be found that most desperate efforts have been put forward to protect Shanghai. Now that so grave a disaster has overwhelmed the city it is reasonable to hope that the shock will strengthen determination to avoid further horrors, but the essential conditions of control are not completely obtainable yet. They may come soon. In the meantime this attempt to survey the inevitable and relentless pressure of circumstances on unwilling antagonists may be useful in laying the foundations of an understanding to which proper attention may be given in due course.

MUSCLE BOUND ?

The report of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress to be submitted at the 69th annual meeting at Norwich next month refers to the subject of trades councils and unofficial strikes, warning councils that they must not actively encourage them in cases where the union or unions concerned refuse recognition. It is likely that the question of inconvenience to the general leadership of the the unofficial strike will be an increasing inconvenience to the general leadership of the trade union movement, chiefly because those responsible are becoming more and more apt to regard as more important general propositions concerning labour than purely local grievances which necessitate remedial action. The result has been that in some cases men suffering from industrial wrongs have had to wait for action for years, while major questions of policy have been fought out, and have resorted to immediate, if isolated action in an endeavour to obtain betterment. There always has been on the part of local unions a tendency to take individual action immediately the national leaders of trade unionism have failed to give the attention they desired to their needs. The pronouncement in the report is apparently designed to give the Congress better control over its constituents than has apparently been the case in the past, and it is possible that the warning will be heeded in some districts, but as the Council becomes more and more involved in matters involving general politics, representation in Parliament, no matter how desirable that may be, and the hundred-and-one problems that arise therefrom, the less likelihood have the constituent unions of receiving attention to those domestic matters which after all are their *raison d'être*. The question may arise in the near future as to whether the whole trade union movement as at present formed is not becoming too big and whether a lot of the power at present in the hands of the General Council will not have to be delegated to the less representative bodies.

SIR FREDERICK MAZE

It is understood that Sir Frederick Maze is among the passengers expected to arrive in Shanghai by the Empress of Canada. Sir Frederick, it will be recalled, left for England in April as Counsellor to Dr. H. H. Kung, China's Special Envoy to the Coronation of Their Majesties. During his stay in England Sir Frederick has been engaged in many official activities and it was reported that on one occasion he was induced by the British Broadcasting Corporation to give a "television" talk on China. Somehow or other exact information regarding that interesting event has not found its way to Shanghai. If it actually took place it will be instructive to hear from Sir Frederick something of his experiences. He arrives to find Shanghai extremely preoccupied, but he is too experienced a hand to be discomfitted thereby. It will be distressing to him to note that just when the Customs Returns were betokening a welcome buoyancy in trade conditions a shattering blow has been delivered against the fabric of which the service under his leadership is so important an upholder.

CHU SHU

Yesterday normally would have brought relief to many folks in Shanghai, for those who order their occasions by the Calendar would duly note that *Chu Shu* had arrived and the hot weather was officially at an end. In the present strenuous conditions this stage in the progress of the summer is gratefully noted but it is shorn of much of its glamour. Usually it marks the period of outdoor sleeping at night, but curfew has seen to that already. If it could be extended to bring a term to some of the other preoccupations of Shanghai it would indeed be a day of rejoicing. That probably cannot be. Yet it would be churlish to let the day pass without paying a graceful tribute to the mildness of the now dying summer. Except for one spell of trying temperatures the much-dreaded hot weather of Shanghai has this year been much below form. It is just as well. The need for cool heads and dispassionate minds is paramount and it is thoughtful of the thermometer to temper the mercury to the shorn lamb. In a fortnight's time *Pai Lu*, the white dew, will be upon hitherto sweltering humanity and the prospect of cold weather joys may be seriously contemplated.

SCOTCHING RUMOURS

It appears that the local Chinese authorities are wisely exerting themselves to allay the excitements and discussions caused primarily by the dissemination of rumour. The root of the trouble lies in the tendency of a certain class of sheet to give precipitate hospitality to the wildest story without verification. Once printed and circulated the rumour shows such a clean pair of heels that the most vigorous pursuit by dementis may fail to overtake it. An example is afforded by the efforts which have been made to deny the report that Japanese marines had been disarmed and interned in the Settlement. Embroidered with new details the fantasy crops up again merrily indifferent to the categorical disproof emanating from disinterested sources. Another bright feat of fiction has given currency to the assertion that six Japanese warships have been sunk in the Whangpoo. The basis for this absurdity is the sinking of certain Japanese ships to form the obstruction or boom on the river below the French Bund. Even when that is explained the disseminator of that joyful piece of self-deception is not discouraged. The responsible Chinese authorities who are trying to eliminate this dangerous practice should have every support. They might do worse than pillory each rumour circulated with the appropriate contradiction and ensure that the offending newspapers give the exposure due publicity.

BRITISH EVACUATION.

Passengers sailing in the ss. "Empress of Canada" should report at their concentration centres, that is, either the Shanghai Club, Metropole Hotel or Hamilton House by 9 a.m. to-day, Wednesday, August 25, with their luggage. Passengers having third class tickets are reminded to take bedding. The passage down river will be made in a destroyer and a sloop. It is hoped to complete the embarkation of the 900 evacuees taking passage by 9.30 a.m.

FUTURE SAILINGS.

Any British subject still wishing to be evacuated after noon to-day, Wednesday, August 25, should report at the British Consulate at Hamilton House and should ask for Mr. Heaney. The Evacuation Office at the Shanghai Club has now closed. No additional ships are being ordered to Shanghai until a sufficient number of evacuees have registered.

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Sixty Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"
AUGUST 25, 1877

We have received a copy of a pamphlet containing "The Testimony of Mr. Francis P. Knight, of China, before the United States Silver Commission appointed by Congress," which contains some interesting particulars regarding the monetary conditions in China. Mr. Knight concludes by saying "information has reached him that it is the intention of the Chinese Government to establish a mint." We fear the wish, on the part of his informant, was father to the thought. No doubt the subject has been talked round and about, at Peking, as was shown at the last meeting of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce. But the Chinese Government takes a long time making up its mind on such matters, and there is little confidence in its possessing either the will or the power to put such a scheme in execution.

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The prolonged dullness of the silk market has forced upon the Municipal Council the reflection that their revenue may very possibly suffer from the smallness of the export; and a judicious curtailment of outlay is proposed, until the way is clearer. A tender for cleaning out the Yangkingpang has been accepted, and work will be begun as soon as the Health Officer allows.

A Country Diary

Aug. 14.—Cormorants are fascinating birds to watch at any time: the tame birds trained to fish with a neck-ring so that they cannot swallow their catch, may be seen at work in the inland waters of the Yangtze Delta (including many creeks around Shanghai) while the wild birds are now seen daily round the rocks and islets of the Shantung Coast busily fishing and swallowing their catch at will, or standing with wings majestically outspread, drying them in the sun, and reminding me forcibly of those birds which support Church lecterns. But unfortunately I am now unable to look at a Cormorant, even in its most majestic pose, without reverting to the habit of Little Audrey, for I have just read two articles about these birds which are full of unconscious humour. The first was a magazine story which has passed no less than three editors . . . first published in a popular magazine, then in "digest" form, and finally re-digested for consumption in Shanghai: in it the tame birds are described as flying high up into the air until they become mere specks in the sky, then diving from great heights to secure their fish, and finally flying back to the boat grasping their prey in their talons! In actual fact Cormorants fly low over water, swim on the surface to spot their fish, catch it by swimming after it under water, and always carry it in their strong bills since they have webbed feet incapable of grasping anything! The second article makes a strange suggestion if you want to decoy Cormorants: ". . . take ambush on a rock armed with a black hat: this must be raised on a stick and waved about to represent a wing-drying cormorant." This suggestion has shaken me badly. Weihaiwei is not a dressy place and if I am seen hiding among the rocks waving a silk hat, bowler, or Anthony Eden, I feel sure that my friends will suspect something.

THE WEATHER

The temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, for 24 hours ending 7 p.m.

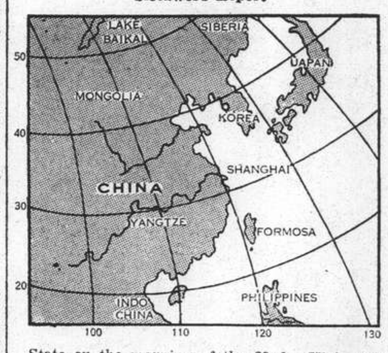
Yesterday	Min.	77.0	Max.	93.5
Same date, 1936	Min.	75.0	Max.	85.0

Rainfall nil.

Siccawei Recording:—

Yesterday	Min.	74.1	Max.	94.6
Same date, 1936	Min.	72.3	Max.	86.0

Siccawei's Report



State on the morning of the 23rd:—High and steady pressure over Japan and Korea: normal and steady over China. Regular summer monsoon along the China Coast. Cloudy and fine weather in China.

State on the morning of the 24th:—Fine and hot weather. Heavy dew. South-easterly wind. Normal and steady pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Cloudy, fine and hot weather with regular south-easterly to south-westerly monsoon around Shantung, in the Mean and the Lower Yangtze Valley and over the Eastern Sea. Overcast with showers and north-easterly winds around Formosa. Cyclonic circulation with rain over the Vizayas, owing to the small typhoon passing west-northwestward.—Siccawei Observatory.

JAPANESE TROOPS ADVANCING PAST LOTIEN

Drive Behind Chinese Lines Said to Be Making Progress: Reports Conflict

CHINESE CLAIM LANDING CHECKED

JAPANESE forces who landed in the neighbourhood of Woosung on Monday, yesterday drove well into the area round Shanghai, reaching Lotien after having got control of the Liuho area. It was reported that they were advancing on Kiating, but Chinese reports stated that the Chinese were rushing reinforcements from that city towards the front line, and claimed to have the situation "well in hand".

Late last night it was reported from the neighbourhood of the North Station that Chinese troops appeared to be evacuating from the Chapei area, leaving Paoantui men in charge. These reports could not be confirmed. The Chinese authorities knew nothing of another report that the Japanese had landed troops somewhere near Chapoo, and this report was generally discredited.

Japanese planes bombed the Lunghwa area yesterday morning, drawing a heavy barrage from the Chinese troops stationed in that area. Other bombing raids were carried out throughout the day around Taziang and Chenju, and in Pootung, where the objective seemed to be one of the bridges over the light railway on that side, and in areas north of Shanghai and in the direction of Liuho.

At 10 o'clock last night Chinese planes appeared over Shanghai and drew a brisk barrage of anti-aircraft fire from the Japanese ships in harbour. Tracer shells fired into the air gave the raid an unusually spectacular appearance, while Verey lights were fired in Yangtszepoo and machine-gun fire could be heard from along the river front. So far as could be learned, however, there were no Chinese troops in the Yantszepoo district, unless they were scattered bands of snipers or plainclothes men.

It was also reported last night that the Japanese had landed in Chwansha, almost due east of Shanghai near the coast, but these reports also could not be confirmed last night.

Japanese aeroplanes yesterday afternoon carried out a severe bombardment of the North Station, dropping a number of bombs near the station building and along the railway line. Observers on the boundary could see little damage done to the line or the station.

"Having made signal gains following their landing near Shanghai on August 24, Japanese troops yesterday continued to advance upon the Chinese lines," a high Army officer announced here yesterday.

Additional units were landed yesterday morning and immediately launched an offensive, the officer revealed.

Meanwhile, the official said, Japanese naval 'planes dropped bombs on Chinese reinforcements, which were being massed behind the Chinese front line yesterday morning.

"The morale or our officers and men in the front lines is high," the officer concluded.

A Quiet Night

Quiet prevailed along all sectors manned by the Japanese special naval landing party on the night of Monday to Tuesday, a communiqué issued by the command of the Japanese Third Fleet stated at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. This was the first Third Fleet communiqué issued since the outbreak of the local hostilities.

A bombardment with shrapnel was opened against the Naval Landing Party barracks from Chinese batteries at Pengpu in the western part of Chapei during the night, but these were silenced by heavy Japanese artillery, the announcement declared.

An aerial bombardment of the Nanking aerodromes was again carried out during the night. While met by a heavy barrage of anti-aircraft fire, the Japanese craft returned safely to their base after accomplishing their task, the communiqué asserted.

This was the seventh raid against military establishments in the Chinese capital, the Japanese announced.

Crack Chinese Troops

From prisoners taken in the Chinese onslaught on Japanese positions in northern Chapei and from papers seized from the Chinese dead in that sector, the Japanese naval authorities claimed to have established that the reserve brigade of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek's crack Second Division had been moved from Weinan, in central Shensi, to Sungkiang in Kiangsu on July 29.

These troops, the communiqué alleged, had been ordered to change their uniforms and their insignia "in preparation for an anti-Japanese war." They, however, were sent to the front before these changes were carried out.

Fighting in Wayside

During the night before there was some street fighting in the Wayside District, and occasional shells came over from the Pootung district, while Japanese men of war at intervals opened up on Chinese positions behind Chapei. In the Western area things were quiet.

What was evidently a Chinese plane appeared over the Whangpoo in the early hours and caused quite a pyrotechnic display for about five minutes. Japanese shells could be seen bursting in the air, while a number of tracer shells, fired at the plane, made the sight one of the most spectacular that has been seen so far.

During the night the Japanese dropped more bombs in the vicinity of Taziang, and shells could be seen exploding on the Paoshan Road, about half a mile to the north of the North Railway station. Japanese warships also shelled parts of Pootung.

Though the blaze in the Yangtzepoo area had died down considerably in comparison with the night before, there were still several large fires raging, notably along Kashing Road to the Settlement boundary. Chinese houses in the vicinity of Nanyang Tobacco Co. plant were burning fiercely, and another fire was noted to the east of Liddell's godown on Yangtszepoo Road.

Planes Raid Warships

Under a bright moonlight, Chinese planes staged a spectacular raid on Japanese men-of-war outside Woosung at about 1 o'clock yesterday morning.

Despite a barrage of Japanese anti-aircraft fire from warships in the Whangpoo River when they passed over them, the Chinese planes managed to reach their destination outside Woosung to make the planned raid.

Chinese Claim Successes

Official Chinese reports claimed that the Japanese attacks had not been successful. Their reports said that, reinforced by fresh arrivals from the rear, Chinese forces around Woosung had the situation there well in hand yesterday morning.

A small detachment of Japanese soldiers numbering about 200, after their landing in the vicinity of the Lion Fort above Woosung on Monday, slipped through the Chinese lines there and got as far inland as Lotien, but were completely liquidated by one o'clock yesterday morning.

Meanwhile, Japanese reinforcements landed at Changwahpang under the cover of protective shelling from their warships and aerial bombardments, have been forced to return to their vessels after having sustained heavy losses at the hands of Chinese defenders.

The fighting was fiercest shortly after midnight on Monday night when a squadron of Chinese aeroplanes, taking off from their base near Shanghai, flew to Woosung to assist the land forces in chasing the Japanese into the river again.

The village of Lotien was reported ablaze yesterday morning as a result of the Japanese aerial bombardment.

Details Given

Further details of the landing of Japanese regulars in the vicinity of Woosung were revealed in a communiqué from the Nanking and Shanghai Garrison Headquarters. According to this communiqué, released by Dr. Tang Wu, vice-director of the local office of the Headquarters at a press conference yesterday afternoon, the Japanese landed at several places in the vicinity of Woosung.

Simultaneously with the landing of small detachments at Changwahpang and other points, less than a brigade of the invading forces succeeded in coming to the shore at a point between Paoshan and Siao Chuensha. The landing operations began at 2 a.m. on Monday, and severe fighting did not cease until 2 p.m., when the Japanese were repulsed.

One small detachment, however, reached as far as Lotien. Chinese reinforcements succeeded in driving them back.

Landing at Chapoo?

Questioned as to whether or not the Japanese have landed at Chapoo, the spokesman said he had received no such report from the Headquarters.

The Japanese were reported to be repairing the damaged wharves at Yangtszepoo with the apparent intention of landing troops there, the spokesman said.

Asked regarding China's attitude toward the British peace proposals, the spokesman declined to make any comment, saying that it was a diplomatic question belonging to the sphere of the Chinese Foreign Office.

Turning to the bombing incident at Sincere's, the spokesman said a time fuse of the missile had been found, bearing the mark of VAD 40 mm, a strange sign, and the year of 1931.

At the time of the explosion, the spokesman added, a Japanese seaplane was reported to be flying over the Settlement area.

Moonlight Air Raid Over Whangpoo

For the second time last night Chinese aeroplanes soared over the Whangpoo and provoked a barrage of anti-aircraft shells from Japanese warships just after midnight. Three bombs were dropped, but in the darkness it was impossible to tell where they landed.

NINGPO BOMBED BY JAPANESE

Third Fleet Communique on Day's Actions

Japanese seaplanes yesterday "successfully" bombed Chinese positions in Ningpo and Anking, Anhwei province, the headquarters of the Third Fleet announced last night.

"The enemy," the communiqué claimed, "has suffered serious losses."

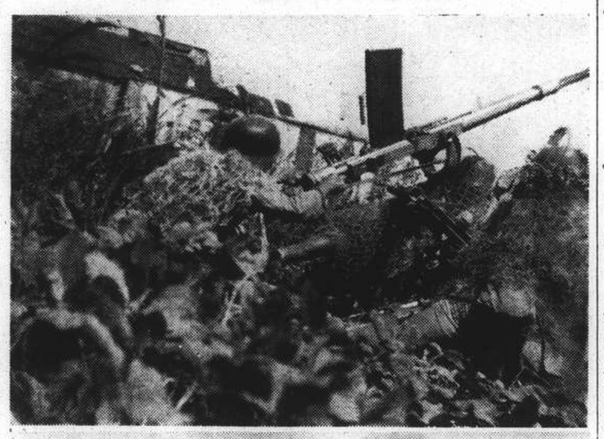
In a raid on Woosung, another air force unit, according to the statement, destroyed the Yungan Cotton Spinning Mill. Army detachments collaborated with the operations of the air unit.

In other air raids on Quinsan, Kating and Taitsang, Chinese armcured cars, an armoured train and the Quinsan railway bridge were destroyed, the communiqué stated. In these operations, the air force had the co-operation of units of the Army and the Naval Landing Party.

Units of the Landing Party stationed along the boundaries of the Foreign Settlement have, according to the communiqué, "extended their lines."

There will be a Rotary meeting, to-morrow, Thursday, at 12.30 p.m., at the Metropole Hotel. The programme arranged for last week's meeting, will be given:—Rotarian Dietz, on "Rubber and its Commercial Uses." All Rotarians who can arrange to attend, are urged to be present.

CHINESE TROOPS IN ACTION



Upper picture shows Chinese anti-aircraft gun at the first line of defence at Pa-Chi-Chiao (Eight Character Bridge.) Below, soldiers of the 88th division ready to attack with rifles and hand grenades.

THROUGH HONGKEW TO FIRST LINE OUTPOSTS

A Personally Escorted Tour Through an All Quiet Japanese War Zone

ALL, most fortunately, was quiet on the north-western front of Sino-Japanese hostilities yesterday when a party of foreign newspaper men went on a highly interesting tour under Japanese guidance. They saw a Hongkew transformed by war hurt; the Naval Landing Party Barracks scarcely harmed despite continuous attack by artillery and aircraft; Japanese soldiers everywhere alert, brisk and showing no signs of the wear and tear of eleven days of fighting, and finally wandered about the Eight Character Bridge advance outpost where the paraphernalia of war was the only visible sign that strife was in progress with the enemy lines only 500 yards away.

Most of the party must have felt a tingle of excitement as they headed into usually forbidden Hongkew with promises of front line scenes and predictions of stray shots and shells from Chinese strongholds. Decapitated bodies in the Whangpoo, stiffened in the kneeling position in which they had met death, and the relentless, sturdily aggressive little Japanese soldiers gave the right mental adjustment for the journey ahead. Broadway was quiet, scarcely marked by strife, but street scenes flashing past the speeding cars in Boone, Range and Szechuen Roads told their own terrible story in shops smashed and looted on the first wave of the outbreak; in the wideswept chaos of aerial bombing, in old bricks showing the raw wounds of machine gun bursts in street fighting; in entire buildings utterly demolished by big trench mortar shells.

At side streets and alleyways vigilant figures stood behind sandbags with eyes glued along their rifle sights. Woe betide a prowling sniper in this locality. G. S. lorries and cars dashed back and forth and always the rifles of the guards pointed fore and aft and one felt in this unhealthy neighbourhood that those sly gentry, the snipers, had put the district into a very prickly heat of apprehension. And yet withall the trip was completely uneventful to the first stop, the Japanese Naval Landing Party Barracks.

Barracks' Slight Damage

Though its neighbours had not fared so well, the barracks was still the stark, formidable building of pre-"War" days; its gaunt front a little speckled with bullet marks, a few windows shot out from shell bursts in the school grounds opposite and the only real dent in its reinforced concrete shell a shallow gash on the western wall....so much for Chinese gunnery and the aim of her aerial raiders. On the west wall above the inner barrack square, one air missile had blown a hole through brickwork into the top balcony without other damage than a score of window panes. Great quantities of G. S. lorries, trucks and cars were in the square and all around were men either most busily engaged or completely off duty. All looked fit, alert, scrupulously clean and vigorous. Mostly they represented sturdy youth.

The party went up steps and through wonderfully cool corridors flanked by rooms crowded and comfortable in the manner of naval officers' cabins, which of course was in the correct manner of things. And how they clung to the navy touch despite their military garb. Buttons bore anchor embossings and so did caps and steel helmets. The officers field boots were of a distinctly seagoing type and their swords were of the navy full dress curve.

Waiters in War Garb

The upward journey led to a big pleasant room richly furnished without ostentation, with darkly timbered walls and peaceful pictures. It was the staff conference room or admiral's reception chamber as the occasion ordered. Here was a piquant touch: in a painted cage were two little grass-green Australian love-birds; a strange environment for beauty so named. There entered Commander Takeda, Chief-of-Staff of the Landing Party, short, middleaged, vivacious, and one who most assuredly would rather fight than sleep. Cigarettes and cigars were laid out and "waiters," revolver and bayonet slapping their hips, served a sweet syrup and sake.

The commander had a trained moustache but a beard that had started with the first shot and had thrived unheeded since. The funnyman of the party stumbled over a joke at the expense of the absent barber but the commander grinned and remarked that he had had other fighting than the daily one with his beard.

"Fish Out of Water"

"Fish," remarked the commander, turning to war, "have been fighting land fowl and the result has been most interesting. At first we were counting how strong were the enemy and then we tired of counting so we just shot at them as they came in wave after wave. Now the position has improved so much that the entire settlement area and nearly all extra-territorial roads are in Japanese hands. Even if we are fish on land we have not lost the spirit of sailors in warships and have fought very vigorously. Fighting on land has proved to be so very much more interesting than fighting on sea: there are so many more angles to it."

How long would the local operations last? He thought the actual fighting would soon be ended but that the subsequent mopping up might be lengthy "The dance halls will be opened in a few days," he declared. "Our dancing girls have not been evacuated: most of them are now in nurses' uniforms. Some days ago we called for volunteers and 65 girls answered from one house."

Everyone jumped as an earsplitting barrage sounded outside. "That's all right," reassured the commander, "its only ours. That is the first treatment to Chinese replacements. Until now the 88th and 87th Divisions have been doing the fighting. Now the 2nd and 36th Divisions are sending in replacements owing to the high casualties. You know, the most annoying bunch of the whole lot have been the Pootung soldiery. They have no effect on the general situation, but we never know when they are going to show up and they use guerilla tactics."

Rear Admiral Okochi, who would look the perfect professor in peace time garb, entered, and briefly thanked the party for coming so far to visit the barracks, and expressed gratification for the good co-operation between the Japanese and foreign forces on the Shanghai boundaries.

The next move was towards the war zone, to the north sector between the Hongkew Rifle Range and the Eight Character Bridge. Members of the party, who had been issued with steel helmets, were warned that the Chinese were active in that sector though they did not advance. The first pause was at the celebrated Rokusan Gardens, now turned into billets and battle-scarred at one corner. Lieut. Ito, commander of the Eight Character Bridge sector, and the guide, Mr. Horiguchi, chief of the Domei English edition, talked of the safest route.

An Early Skirmish

Describing the opening of hostilities on August 14, Lieut. Ito said that the Chinese opened fire about 6.30 p.m. They replied when a large Chinese force started moving and strongly attacked the Japanese cre-

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Troops Stand Ready to Sail for Shanghai

Hongkong, Aug. 24.

Preparations are in hand further to reinforce the British forces in Shanghai in case of necessity. The 10,000-ton cruiser Suffolk has left for Hongkong, where she will stand by ready to transport the Middlesex Regiment, which arrived in the Colony this morning from Singapore, and an Indian mounted battery to Shanghai at very short notice.—Reuter.

Japanese Hold The Essential Key Positions

Admiral Hasegawa Explains in Interview on Idzumo

SHANGHAI SAFETY ZONE IS IMPERATIVE NEED

"It has been the intention of the Japanese Government to localize the Sino-Japanese conflict and to bring about ultimately closer and better relations with China. However, with the situation aggravated by China to such an extent as it is, we deem it imperative that a safety zone should be established in and around Shanghai, and that all causes of future trouble should be removed once and for all."

This statement was made by Vice-Admiral Kiyoshi Hasegawa, Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Fleet in Chinese waters, in the course of an interview with Reuter on board the flagship Idzumo.

The Idzumo was at the time anchored in midstream, less than half a mile down-river from her former position alongside the Japanese Consulate-General. Anti-aircraft guncrews were at their posts ready to defend the ship against hostile aircraft.

Sincere's Disaster Deplored

Deploring the catastrophe which had visited Sincere's, the Admiral emphasized that no responsibility rested with the Japanese.

"At the time of the tragedy," he said, "no firing was being done by any of our naval vessels either at Woosung or further up-river, nor were any of the Japanese guns on shore firing.

"Chinese bombers and guns have been firing indiscriminately," he continued. "Only this morning (Monday), when the Chiyo Maru arrived for refugees and tried to tie up at the O.S.K. dock, it was necessary for her to move further down river because the Chinese began shelling her from Pootung."

Admiral Hasegawa received Reuter's representative in the social-hall of the Idzumo, while in an adjoining room his large staff was pouring over maps. Later the discussion was continued on deck.

Respect for Foreign Warships

"Only a few days ago," said the Japanese Commander-in-Chief, "I took one of our naval vessels away from the French Bund, where we have a naval buoy, in order to respect the foreign warships which are in the river there. I wish you would say for me that the Japanese 'planes have been specifically instructed since the Nanking Road tragedy (of August 14) not to fly over the International Settlement while carrying bombs. We have not, at any time, dropped incendiary bombs, nor is the story about our having dropped gas bombs at Nanking true; nor is it possible, as has been stated, for our anti-aircraft guns to shoot away the under-carriage of a bombing plane."

Admiral Hasegawa indicated a section behind Pootung Point where, he said, the Chinese had big trench-mortars some of which could fire as far as 1½ miles.

Japanese Control the Air

Speaking with some weariness, the Admiral asked in a quiet voice to be excused from answering any questions of a "military character." One of these questions was whether he felt that, at this time, he was in control of the air. "Yes, I believe so," he replied.

As he was taken to the Idzumo in the Admiral's pinnace from a dock near the Japanese Consulate, Reuter's representative saw a number of dead Japanese being brought ashore and, on inquiry, learned that they were "casualties at Woosung this morning."

Asked what was the net result of the conflict so far, Admiral Hasegawa replied:

"Since the present hostilities round Shanghai have been caused by the provocation of the Chinese, we are in the main endeavouring to maintain generally the original key positions which are fundamentally necessary for the purpose of self-defence and for the protection of Japanese nationals residing there. We have not made any further advance from that position."

Asked what should be the attitude of the foreign Powers towards the present situation in Shanghai, he said:

"The attitude of Japan being such as I have stated, it is needless to say that Japan is fully prepared to respect the rights and interests of third Powers during the present conflict, and, moreover, it is our firm conviction that the Powers will ultimately profit from the great sacrifice which Japan is paying in her earnest efforts to save and defend the International Settlement from Chinese aggression. I am convinced that the foreign Powers will not be slow to understand the Japanese stand. Our stand thus being understood, the attitude to be taken by the foreign Powers would be clear and simple."—Reuter.

JAPAN WANTS PEACE IN FAR EAST

Need to End Conflict As Soon As Possible

Tokyo, Aug. 24.

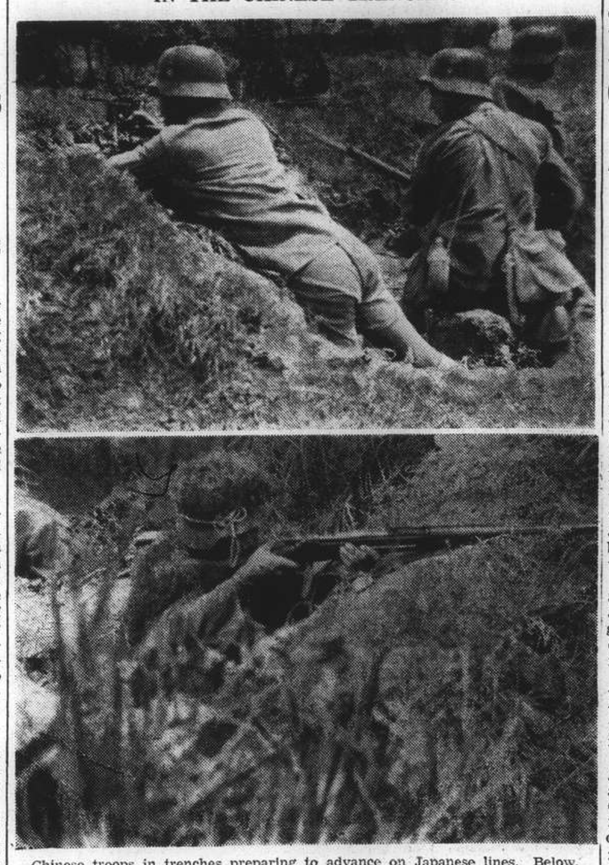
The necessity of resorting to effective and adequate operations for the establishment of peace in the Far East was urged by Prince Konoye, the Japanese Premier, when he addressed a joint conference between leaders of the Government and representatives of the Minseito and Seiyukai Parties to-day, according to the "Nichi Nichi Shimbun."

The War Minister, General Gen Sugiyama, the newspaper reported, declared that he could not foresee how long the Sino-Japanese conflict would last, but emphasized that Japan intended to bring hostilities to an end as speedily as possible by taking the military initiative instead of continuing her past policy of replying to Chinese attacks.

General Sugiyama assured the party leaders that the Japanese Army's drive would bring home to the Chinese military authorities their inability to oppose Japan.

Japan, he added, would not wage a protracted war against China and thus play into China's hands.—Reuter.

IN THE CHINESE TRENCHES



Chinese troops in trenches preparing to advance on Japanese lines. Below, a typical Chinese soldier sighting his rifle on enemy positions.

Police Stations Re-occupied in Eastern District

Foreigners, Japanese and Sikhs Move Back

MEN GLAD TO RETURN TO QUARTERS

The police are back.

Three stations in the Eastern, and much shelled, area had been substantially re-occupied yesterday by foreign, Japanese and Indian complements, namely Yulin Road and Yangtszepoo Stations and the Reserve Unit in Chemulpo Road.

With Supt. J. Sinclair as divisional officer and Detective Chief Insp. H. Grubb as detective divisional officer, the eastern area started to function again yesterday as before. The six sub-stations which had been established during the emergency period continued to operate with skeleton staffs to reinforce the well-established stations, to which the former personnel returned.

In charge of the Yulin Road Station was Insp. L. Myerscough, while Yangtszepoo again was commanded by Insp. R. C. Andrew, who had refused to leave his post and finally had to be ordered to evacuate during the height of the hostilities. The Reserve Unit, adjoining Yulin Road Station, began to function as a police station, under Insp. J. Smith, formerly in command of the unit as a riot squad.

In all the stations did the former personnel again take up their quarters and were glad to find that little damage had been done to their property.

The Wayside Station alone was not reoccupied because of the severe damage caused by shell-fire. The staff formerly attached to that station continued to function effectively from the substation established at the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf.

GERMAN EVACUEES LEAVE

450 Sail in the Gneisenau For the South

A considerable proportion of Shanghai's German community evacuated yesterday in the ss. Gneisenau, when 450 persons, mostly women and children, left the Customs Jetty in four tenders between 11 and 12 o'clock in the morning and joined the liner off Woosung. They were accompanied on the trip downriver by officials of the German Consulate-General. It was reported last night that the trip was completely without incident or interference, there being no sniping nor heavy firing in the vicinity of the tenders.

In addition to the 450 Germans, 180 Chinese were also evacuated, most of them intending to proceed to Hongkong. At the time the tenders left the lines to return to Shanghai, the captain of the Gneisenau was still awaiting orders regarding his destination. Originally planned for Hongkong, it was believed that the trip might be made direct to Manila instead.

Of those besides women and children, a number of German business men were making the trip to Hongkong to transfer their Far Eastern headquarters from Shanghai to the Colony. Among these firms to shift is the Deutsche Farben-Handels Gesellschatt Waibel, "Defag," who will operate from Hongkong for the time being.

SAUDI ARABIA CROWN COUNCIL CALLED

King Ibn Saud Expected to Lead Palestine Opposition

Jerusalem, Aug. 23.

King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia has summoned his Crown Council which consists of the chief ecclesiastic Moslem dignitaries of the country, to a conference at Riad, the capital of the kingdom, according to usually reliable sources. The King's diplomatic representative in London, the Minister, Sheik Jafez Wachbi, has also been ordered to attend the Crown Council which is generally expected here to discuss the British plan for the partition of Palestine which the King regards as a grave injustice against all Arabs which must be resented by all, particularly by those of Saudi Arabia.—Trans-Ocean.

No Peace Talks Possible Until Stand Changed

Japanese Commander-in-Chief Defines Attitude

TRIBUTE TO COURAGE OF CHINESE TROOPS

"There can be no peace until China changes her attitude and ceases provocative acts," said General Iwane Matsui, the commander of the Japanese forces landed in the Shanghai neighbourhood, in a press interview yesterday. He referred to statements made by officials of the Japanese Embassy from time to time to the effect that since August 14 the Chinese have made no attempt to negotiate. The Japanese army and navy, General Matsui stated, are here to protect the honour of the Japanese Empire and the rights and property of Japanese nationals in this vicinity.

General Matsui, who is reputed to be one of the hardiest soldiers in the Japanese army, paid a generous tribute to the courage of the Chinese soldiers who attempted unsuccessfully to resist the Japanese landing early on Monday morning. The Japanese, he said, lost more than 100 men during the operations, but he admitted that the casualty list is as yet by no means complete, since the troops landed at a number of different points. Most of the casualties suffered by the Japanese were caused by land-mines which had been laid by the Chinese. Many of these mines exploded while the Japanese troops were still moving towards their objectives.

General Matsui said that the Japanese troops, after landing, had moved towards the south and towards the west. He declined to state the number of troops landed or what units or divisions were taking part in the operations. All vital military information, he said, must of necessity be withheld.

SINCERE'S BOMBING DEATHROLL UP

173 Killed, 549 Wounded At Chekiang Rd. Corner

The latest official estimate last night set the death toll of the bombing at Nanking and Chekiang Roads on Monday at 173, including a German, a Swiss and an Indian, and the wounded at 549. The search for further bodies, however, continued, and much debris was cleared away both at Sincere's and Wing On's stores throughout the day.

Nanking Road was cleared of all debris yesterday and is now open to vehicular traffic. The necessary repairs to the road and footpaths were commenced and are now practically completed. In order to avoid injury to pedestrians due to the possibility of further debris or loose masonry falling from the faces of the damaged buildings, the section of the road affected has been closed to pedestrian traffic and the requisite barriers are being placed in position.

The owners of the Wing On and Sincere Department Stores have been requested to arrange for the removal of any debris, loose masonry, glass, etc., which is liable to fall into the street.

Altogether, 137 bodies have been sent from Nanking Road to the temporary mortuary arranged on the Fever Hospital site, Kiaochow Road. A number of these have already been removed by relatives and by the Chinese Benevolent Society.

Funeral arrangements for the two foreign fatal victims, Mr. A. U. Brunner, Swiss, and Mr. Klaus Eckert, German, were being made yesterday. Mr. Anthony Billingham, American, a newspaper correspondent, was reported to be recovering from his injuries suffered in the catastrophe, as were the three other foreigners affected, namely Mr. Morris Zimmerman, Miss V. Glasser, and Miss B. Tenney. Sikh Havildar 352 and four Chinese police constables were still in a serious condition at the Police Hospital yesterday.

It is reported in Polish newspapers that Marshal Rydo-Smigly, commander-in-Chief of the Polish army, will meet Gen. Maurice Gamelin, the head of the French general staff, when they attend the Rumanian autumn manoeuvres. Considerable political and military importance is attached in Warsaw to this meeting.

JAPAN GAMBLES HER FUTURE IN CHINA AFFRAY

London Remains Hopeful of Neutralization Plan

RIGHTS PROTECTED

Italian Issues Also Loom Large at Whitehall

London, Aug. 24.

In a leader headed "Japan's hazardous enterprise," the "Daily Telegraph" to-day says that it must be acknowledged that the rejection of the proffered guarantee for the safety of Japanese nationals if the International Settlement is excluded from the area of the conflict, is likely to be the fate of all offers of conciliation. Any moderating influences in Japan, the newspaper declares, have been over-ridden by military elements which are resolved on war.

Those who have watched, with all sympathy, the growth of the great Japanese nation must now most regret a decision which jeopardizes everything that has been won in fifty years of unparalleled advance.

For a war, the leader continued, that already involves great forces on two fronts, and may presently extend to other fields, Japan is ill-equipped financially and economically.

Japan's resources, the "Daily Telegraph" points out, have already been subjected to enormous strain by her Chinese enterprises and the promised reward to her people in new fields of profitable enterprise has not been realized.

Perhaps, the newspaper concludes, it is not too late for her statesmen to consider whether the prize of further conquest is worth a risk to the whole economy of the nation.

Foreign Office Concern

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, who is spending a holiday on the Hampshire Coast, came back to London in the middle of last week and will do so again this week.

He will be at the Foreign Office this afternoon, and he and Lord Halifax, Lord Privy Seal, who is officially in charge of the Foreign Office during Mr. Eden's holiday, will both take the opportunity of the presence in London on a flying visit on Wednesday of the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, on the foreign situation and the position in the Far East, in particular, and to discuss relevant matters with him.

Mr. Chamberlain, after returning north, will go at the end of the week to Balmoral where he will be the guest of the King and Queen and will act as Minister in Attendance.

Meanwhile, the British Government is still without any reply from the Japanese and Chinese Governments to the suggestion made for the restoration of the situation at Shanghai, which, according to to-day's news telegrams, continues to deteriorate.

Nanking Favours Move

In Nanking, although there has been no official reply, reaction is understood to have been, on the whole, favourable, and this fact has been noted with satisfaction.

The proposals for the mutually agreed withdrawal of forces, now in conflict, from the Shanghai zone were made with a view to securing the isolation, from the war-like operation, of the International Settlement where many countries and Britain, in an outstanding measure, have very large financial commercial and industrial interests and where a large population resides.

The British authorities are providing protection for their nationals against attack, but so long as hostilities are actively pursued around the Concessions there can be no assurance against accidental death or injury. Precaution is being taken, therefore, of evacuating women and children whose temporary absence will not cause great inconvenience.

The author of the story, however, which has received some circulation, that there is discussion of the evacuation of all British civilians from Shanghai would seem to have overlooked the categorical statement by the Ministers after their meeting last Tuesday, that they had decided to take all possible measures to protect the safety of the British in the International Settlement, and to secure British interests there.

British Fleet in China Waters

Meanwhile, the disposition of the British warships in Chinese waters, according to an Admiralty statement, is as follows:

At Shanghai: the cruiser Danae and the escort vessel Falmouth.
At Woosung: the flotilla leader Duncan, the destroyer Duchess and the escort vessel Grimsby.
At Pootoo Island the cruisers Cumberland and Suffolk and the destroyer Delight.
At Tsingtao: the aircraft-carrier Eagle and the destroyer Dainty.
At Weihaiwei: the submarine depot ship Medway, the minelayer Adventure, the destroyer Westcott and the escort vessel Folkestone.
At Chefoo: the destroyer Diana.
At Chinwangtao: the destroyer Defender.
At Taku: the escort vessel Sandwich.
At Nanking: the cruiser Capetown.—Reuter.

More Reinforcements Likely

The Cabinet meeting is expected either to-morrow or on Wednesday to discuss several questions, including the Shanghai situation. It is expected that a decision to reinforce British effectives in China will be reached unless Tokyo makes a compromise to the proposals likely to satisfy the Western governments' anxiety for the security of their nationals and their interests.

It is understood that the Cabinet is also fixing the scope of the forthcoming Italo-British conversations, the main purpose of which would be:

The confirmation and elucidation of the January agreement.
Mutual pledge to co-operate in the settlement of European problems, including the projected new Locarno pact.
The possibility of Britain's financial participation in the exploitation of Ethiopia, involving some economic advantages to Britain and possibly to France.

It is understood that the Government wishes to clarify the scope of the Italo-British conversations before the departure for Rome of Lord Perth, British Ambassador to Rome.

Italy's claim for the legal settlement of the Ethiopian question is a preliminiary condition to the talks with Great Britain, but Italy would not claim diplomatic recognition of her sovereignty in Ethiopia and would be satisfied with the elimination of Ethiopia from the list of member states of the League.—Havas.

FRESH APPEAL FOR PEACE MADE

Mr. Cordell Hull Reiterates His July Statement

U.S. WILL PROTECT HER OWN CITIZENS

Washington, Aug. 23.

An urgent appeal for peace, directed primarily at Japan and China, was issued to-day by the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull.

Mr. Hull directed attention to his statement outlining American foreign policy which he issued on July 16 and which more than fifty nations, including Japan and China, formally approved as ideal principles of international relationships.

Mr. Hull also drew attention to the fact that many international treaties, including the Kellogg-Briand and Washington Conference pacts, of which China and Japan are both signatories, embraced the same principle.

"The United States Government," he added, "is firmly of the opinion that the principles summarized in that statement should effectively govern international relationships."

Apparently refuting Japan's tentative objections contained in its official observations on the July 16 statement, Mr. Hull said that the United States considered "applicable throughout the world, in the Pacific area as elsewhere, the principles set forth in that statement."

U.S. Citizens Protected

He emphasized the efforts of the United States Government to maintain peace in the Far East as elsewhere. He said it was also the Government's policy to protect its nationals in that area, primarily from mobs and other uncontrolled elements.

"For that purpose, we are sending at present small reinforcements of Marines to Shanghai....this is no mission of aggression. Their function is to be of assistance in the maintenance of order and security."

Mr. Hull said that when in any part of the world there arises "a threat or the existence of serious hostilities, the matter is the concern of all nations. Without attempting to pass judgment regarding the merits of the controversy, we appeal to all parties to refrain from resorting to war."

The Japanese statement to which the Secretary referred concurred with his July 16 statement of principles, but added that "the objectives of those principles will only be attained in their application to the Far Eastern situation by a full recognition of practical considerations and the actual particulars of the circumstances in that region."

President's Caution Praised

Senator Key Pittman of Nevada, chairman of the Senate Foreign relations Committee, in a radio broadcast to-night defended President Roosevelt's caution in invoking the Neutrality Act, lest the Sino-Japanese hostilities abruptly terminate with merely an international incident like that of 1932.

No details are available at present regarding the allocation of the $500,000 appropriated for expenses of evacuating Americans from Shanghai to Manila. The fund, it was explained, is to be disbursed "completely at the discretion of Mr. Cordell Hull."—United Press.

Evacuations Urged

Washington, Aug. 24.

The protection of lives and property of American citizens in Shanghai and in other parts of China is actually the only object officially studied by the United States Government, it is stated here.

The Department of State has ordered the consular authorities urgently to recommend all American citizens to evacuate from zones of hostilities as soon as possible, but it is very difficult to convince Americans to leave a country where they have invested their capital and where they believe themselves protected by extraterritorial rights.

The seriousness of the situation is emphasized by the fact that President Roosevelt, Mr. Cordell Hull, and their principal advisers, including high navy and army officials, stayed in Washington for the week-end to follow any developments in the situation.

Neutrality Act Issue

Informed circles believe that President Roosevelt is delaying as much as possible the proclamation of neutrality, which would be beneficial only to Japan. However, it is believed that the President will take this step if Japan started large-scale operations in China.

The invocation of the Neutrality Act would still inconvenience Japan in some ways, for she would have to pay cash for any materials purchased in the United States, while she would also have to bring them out in her own ships.

The question of proclaiming an embargo on certain raw materials such as iron, copper and petroleum is also being studied although authorities in Washington are convinced that Japan will immediately react against such a measure.—Havas.

Maj.-Gen. Butler's Outburst

Philadelphia, Aug. 23.

Maj.-Gen. Smedley D. Butler, former commandant of United States Marines in China, to-day declared that the United States should withdraw all its forces now in the Chinese war zone "unless the Government wants to get into trouble."

Quoted by the "Philadelphia Inquirer" in a copyrighted interview, the General, whose outspoken pronouncements have brought him international publicity on more than one occasion, asserted, "We have nothing to protect in China except the investments of some big-time industrial gamblers. We should have evacuated our people from China a week ago."—United Press.

Sh'ai Refugees Overflow Into Singapore

Singapore, Aug. 24.

The Straits Government, at the request of Hongkong, which is overcrowded, is preparing to quarter several thousands of British refugees from China.

It is understood that the Town Hall and other public buildings are being requisitioned for the purpose.—Reuter.

Indian Battalions Sail For Far East

Calcutta, Aug. 24.

The 5th battalion of the 6th Rajputana Rifles, commanded by Colonel Ferguson, sailed for the Far East to-day aboard the Elephanta. Meanwhile, the 4th battalion of the 19th Hyderabad Regiment, is en route here from Secunderabad, and will probably sail in a day or two.—Reuter.

Through Hongkew To First Line Outposts

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matorium about 1,000 yards south of the Eight Character Bridge. The Japanese defences were not strengthened and no reinforcements were available. Only a most tenacious defence saved the line. Following the Chinese retreat they crossed into Chinese territory but later withdrew under the commander's orders. The Japanese force, he said, were outnumbered by at least ten to one. Since then the work had been purely defence, always waiting for the Chinese to be at point blank range before opening fire.

By a round-about route through shell battered Chapei, only age showing the 1932 and 1937 periods of destruction, the party reached the upper reaches of the Hongkew Creek whose western side was a shambles from shell bursts and fiery dislodging of snipers from vantage points covering the Japanese communication line to the north-west sector. Not all had been eradicated and bullets whined over the car in discomforting welcome to the neighbourhood of the front line advance outposts. Second Lieut. Ota, in command of the right wing of the sector, had his headquarters in a strongly built Chinese mortuary. Machine-gun nests were manned about the roof and the surrounding buildings were being perpetually circled with binoculars. Every precaution was being taken for the safe-keeping of the party. About 500 yards away an aeroplane was diving low down on a smoking building and blazing a stream of machine-gun bullets.

At Eight Character Bridge

With quick rushes and very fine use of ground and cover which sprung from instinct rather than knowledge of Army Regs., the party suddenly found themselves in the Japanese sandbagged strongpoint facing the Eight Character Bridge, scene of so much bitter attacking by the Chinese. Mere shells of buildings stood on the Chinese side and in a street fifty yards away the blackened skull of a soldier dead many days glittered in the sun. A field near by was said to be filled with Chinese dead from one massed attack. Sheets of steel above and matting below formed safe and comfortable dugouts.

Soldiers manning the line had their helmets festooned with grass and small branches and two armoured cars in the background could be mistaken for shrubbery in a big way. The Chinese lines 500 yards away showed no movement. No shots were fired. A cease fire might have been sounded so still was the air and the scene was more akin to manœuvres than war. Other neighbouring sectors were said to be far from peaceful and so the return journey was commenced. A halt was made at the naval officers' club building where a shed housed souvenirs ranging from the parachute by which a Chinese pilot landed safely from a stricken plane only to be shot on land as he attempted to regain his lines, to a double barrelled shotgun taken from one of the dead.

Evening was falling as the party drove through Hongkew and there was no mistaking the orderliness of the district. Girls in kimono and obi were returning from shopping expeditions with the complete nonchalance of peace times. Nevertheless the excursionists from a deathly quiet front line were very happy to return to the more international atmosphere of a city and the momentary comfort of a friendly bar.

JAPAN'S AIMS SEEN BY PARIS WRITER

Economic Independence Sought

Paris, Aug. 24.

"It is not an outlet for excess population that Japan is seeking in China, but iron, coal, wool and even man power, and consumers for her own products, writes M. August Raynal in "L'Epoque."

Examining first the problem of man power, M. Raynal declares that Japanese workers cannot compete with Chinese workers, who are "stronger and with smaller needs. Man power in China is abundant and cheap, which would permit Japan to sell products manufactured in China on the world market at a price defying competition. And not only could Japan use the Chinese man power, but also nearly 100,000,000 people would be in the market for her goods."

Need for Haste Discerned

The mineral wealth of Shansi, he continues, "would definitely permit the Japanese to supply their deficiencies in iron, which has caused so much worry in military circles."

The haste of Japan, he points out, is due to the fear that the unification and reorganization of China will make the task too difficult later on. Thus Japan would be supplied with iron, coal and for cotton which she also hopes to cultivate in the wool region of Manchuria and Mongolia.

As for oil, he asserts, she hopes to find that in Northern Sakhalin. As that half of Sakhalin belongs to the U.S.S.R., she will probably seek to acquire it, and the Soviet Republic will probably be willing to cede it for compensation. In this manner, M. Raynal asserts, Japan would become completely independent of foreign sources of raw material.—Havas.

KING FAROUK'S ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Alexandria, Aug. 23.

Eighteen-year-old King Farouk's engagement to Safinase, 16-year-old daughter of Youssouf Bey, has been announced. The bride-to-be's father is Judge of the Mixed Court of Appeals and her mother is Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen Mother. Her grandfather was the ex-Premier, Mohamed Pasha Asaied.—Reuter.

NEW HONGKEW FIRE GIVES THRILLS

Foreigners Fight It During Aerial Battle

INCENDIARY BLAZE IN BOONE ROAD LANE

Nine o'clock and all is well!

But it is only a matter of seconds and the fire alarm bells ring at Central Fire Station and the Station turns out to Hongkew.

Turning out to the area north of the Soochow Creek these days means that only foreigners man the engines, which must pass through areas infested by snipers, often under shell-fire.

The station turns out with Station Officer Miles and Station Officer Heap at the helm, while Workshops Officer Watson drives. Over the North Honan Road Bridge into dark and dangerous Hongkew the intrepid little band of firemen proceeds and is passed through the Japanese lines.

The fire is in a row of Chinese houses in Lane 572, Boone Road, off North Szechuen Road, and it is one of the many set by incendiaries. The first house is "well away," but in the dark lane the foreign firemen lay their hose and get to the root of it. As heavily barred doors hamper their work, the obstacle is soon overcome by sheer brute force.

Suddenly an aeroplane is heard overhead, but its presence does not deter the fire-fighters even when the quick firing of anti-aircraft shells dots the sky with brilliant lights. The men, some of whom are former members of the Brigade, just go on, and the thuds of heavy shelling and the rapid firing of anti-aircraft guns seem not to disturb their work.

Japanese Interested

A Japanese marine officer comes a little distance up the lane accompanied by a non-commissioned officer. He makes an inquiry in Japanese, receives answers in English, salutes with great dignity and walks away.

It is a matter of more than an hour and a half before the stubborn blaze is out. The firemen leave. Through the darkened streets of Hongkew, along the north side of the Soochow Creek and over the Garden Bridge, the engine returns to its quarters. On the Garden Bridge two sets of barbed-wire barricades have to be opened to let the firemen pass. First the Japanese marines remove their obstruction. Some members of the fire crew shout "arigato," pleasantly, and are answered with, "sayonara!" The next barrier is that of the Russian Regiment, S.V.C., which is also cheerfully opened.

The small crew of the Brigade and Volunteers returns to Central Station black with soot and drenched with water.

VALENCIA ACCUSES ITALY

League Action for Sinking of Ships Demanded

Geneva, Aug. 23.

Accusing Italy of responsibility in the sinking of five Spanish Government ships in the Mediterranean, the Valencia Government telegraphed the League of Nations demanding that the matter be dealt with under Article XI.

The telegram declared that the sinking of the ships constituted new aggression against Republican Spain and created general tension in the whole Mediterranean by reason of the "open assistance given to the Nationalists by the Italian naval forces."—Reuter.

Basque Stronghold Falls

Bilbao, Aug. 23.

Castro Urdiales, the most important Basque stronghold on the coast between Bilbao and Santander, has been captured by the Nationalists, according to the military authorities here.—Reuter.

Naomi Julia Proceeds

London, Aug. 23.

The latest news of the air attack on the British steamer Naomi Julia, near Corsica, is a despatch from the master of the vessel who says he is able to proceed to Port Vendres. It is therefore presumed here that the steamer was not hit by any bombs.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPAN PROMISES TO TAKE "ACTION"

War Minister Says China Must Be Taught Lesson

Tokyo, Aug. 24.

"Determined to settle the current incident at the earliest possible moment, Japan has decided to resort to positive military action," Gen. Gen Sugiyama, War Minister, yesterday told representatives of the Minseito and Seiyukai parties.

"China," he added, "must be made to realize that she cannot defy Japan."

The politicians were asked, following an exposition of the Government's policy, to support the Cabinet at the extraordinary session of the Diet, early next month.

"To obtain the desired results," Gen. Sugiyama continued, "the Government has decided to abandon its former policy of awaiting a Chinese challenge before taking action.

"Pursuing the decided course of action, Japan will escape China's attempts to prolong the Sino-Japanese hostilities."—Domei.

C.N.A.C. PLANES NOT COMMANDEERED

Head Offices to Move From Shanghai to Hankow

The reported commandeering of all mail and passenger planes of the China National Aviation Corporation, a Sino-American joint enterprise, by the Chinese Government, has been refuted as groundless by a spokesman of the concern.

The company has decided to move its head offices, originally situated here, to Hankow, leaving only a branch office in Shanghai. From Hankow, C.N.A.C. planes will maintain the air line to Chungking and Chengtu in Szechuen.—Central News.

FIGHTING ON KINHAN RAILWAY

Chinese Claim Japanese Attacks Repulsed

Paoting, Aug. 24.

After several days' lull, sporadic fighting along the Peiping-Hankow line between Chinese and Japanese troops had broken out on August 22 at three points in the vicinity of Fangshanhsien and Lianghsiang, according to belated reports reaching here to-day.

A column of Japanese troops, launching a surprise attack on the Chinese defenders at Meierhling, were driven back to Lutan.

On the same day, the reports stated, over 1,000 Japanese infantrymen, assisted by artillery units, opened a frontal attack on Chinese positions at Pingtinshan, while another smaller batch tried to flank the Chinese left wing.

A hot encounter ensued. For a time the Japanese artillery fire was so intense that two Chinese companies were annihilated. Chinese reinforcements, hurried to the rescue of the harassed defenders, finally succeeded in driving back the Japanese attackers.

By nightfall, the Chinese forces launched a counter-attack against the Japanese positions at Nanliyuan. The enemy forces retreated, leaving behind four machine guns and large quantities of supplies.

In anticipation of Chinese assaults on their positions at Lianghsiang, Japanese troops have been busy erecting barricades outside the city gates while gun positions were constructed on the city walls.

Over 500 Japanese troops are reported to be stationed at Kaikouchuang near Lianghsiang.—Central News.

'FRISCO CHINESE CELEBRATE

Victory Reports Bring in Funds for China War

San Francisco, Aug. 23.

Residents of San Francisco's Chinatown to-day staged an impromptu celebration of reports of Chinese military advances in the Shanghai sector and continued to pour thousands of dollars into the local war chest.

Chinese newspapers here used a truck equipped with loud-speaker equipment to broadcast reports of the fighting throughout the Chinese section of the city.—United Press.

CHILD BORN ON S'HAI REFUGEE SHIP

Aramis Brings Group of 377 Safely to Hongkong

Hongkong, Aug. 24.

The French liner Aramis to-day arrived here from Shanghai with 377 refugees.

Mrs. Isabelle Rosario, one of the passengers from Shanghai, gave birth to a daughter during the voyage.—United Press.

ESTATE OF DUCHESS OF BEDFORD

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Aug. 23.

The Duchess of Bedford, who disappeared while flying over the flooded Fens area in March, left £356,000.

Among other substantial legacies to societies and friends, she left £2,000 each to Messrs. Robert Parkyn and N. Gass of the Anglo-Iran Oil Co. as a token of appreciation of the hospitality she received at Bushire and Abadan respectively when forced to land during the flight to India in 1929.—Reuter.

THE "NOTTS EXPRESS" OUT FOR THE SEASON

London, Aug. 24.

An official statement was issued to-day by the secretary of the Notts Cricket Club stating that Larwood, the famous fast bowler, has been suspended for the remainder of the season for "breach of discipline following a resolution by the Committee."

The chairman and secretary declined to comment.—Reuter.

JAPANESE CLAIM CAPTURE OF NANKOW PASS

Tokyo, Aug. 24.

The Japanese occupied Nankow Pass at six o'clock this morning after seizing all neighbouring forts, according to an announcement made by the War Office to-day. The Chinese troops between Kalgan and Nankow, the communique added, were completely surrounded by Japanese troops.—Reuter.

PAN-AMERICAN LINER CRASHES IN FLAMES

San Luis, Argentina, Aug. 23.

The Pan-American Grace air liner Santa Elena crashed in heavy fog and burned to-day eighteen miles outside San Luis while on its regular run from Mendoza to Cordoba. Mr. C. Pursely, the pilot, Mr. De Cesare, the co-pilot, and Mr. Thomas, the steward, were all killed. No passengers were on board. One body was found in the cabin and the others sixty yards away.—United Press.

BUS SERVICE IMPROVES

The situation with regard to the Omnibus Company service has improved considerably. After re-opening on Routes 1 and 9 with fifteen buses on each service, an additional twelve buses are now running on No. 10 Route, Connaught Road via Sinza and Peking Roads, to The Bund and it is expected that other routes will be operating in a day or two.

SAILING DISASTER NEAR ALEXANDRIA

Cairo, Aug. 24.

No less than 66 persons were drowned when two sailing boats returning with people from a pilgrimage, capsized close to the harbour entrance of Alexandria. Only four pilgrims were saved.—Trans-Ocean.

According to the latest advices from Moscow, there is still no news of the missing Russian aviators lost in the Arctic.

MISSION HOSPITAL BOMBED

Japanese Plane Blamed by American Nurse

REPORT OF AFFAIR SENT TO WASHINGTON

The Nantungchow Christian Hospital, an American missionary institution, was bombed by a Japanese aeroplane on August 17, according to a brief report received at the local American Consulate-General from Miss Nancy Fry, American head nurse of the hospital which is located on the northern bank of the Yangtze River about thirty miles from Woosung. All Americans on the staff were safe, the telegram further stated.

The American Consulate here stated yesterday that the message had been forwarded to Washington. Further details of the incident are being awaited in Shanghai. Mr. C. A. Burch, formerly superintendent of the hospital, is now in this city having left Nantungchow just a few days before the reported bombing. He has wired to Miss Fry for further particulars.

In the hospital, there were about sixty patients, three Chinese doctors, twelve Chinese nurses, and thirty student nurses at the time of the bombing. Two American nurses were also there but Dr. G. L. Hagman, the only American doctor on the staff, was away at Kuling.

JAPANESE ASKED NOT TO EVACUATE TSINGTAO

Tokyo, Aug. 24.

A request not to evacuate Japanese residents from Tsingtao and also not to send military or naval reinforcements, in order to prevent unrest among the Chinese population, has been made to the Japanese authorities by the Mayor of Tsingtao, Admiral Shen Hung-lieh, according to reports received here to-day. The Japanese naval and military officials also declare that evacuation is unnecessary, on the ground that the "successful Japanese military operations in the Shanghai and Peiping areas" would result in a peaceful settlement of the problem at Tsingtao. Later, according to another Japanese message from Tsingtao, the Mayor ordered Chinese provision shops to resume business immediately.—Reuter.

Understanding Reached

Tsingtao, Aug. 24.

An understanding on the maintenance of peace and order here was reached to-day at a meeting between Admiral Shen Hung-leh, Mayor, and Mr. Takuya Murachi, chairman of the Council of the Japanese Residents' Corporation.

Calling on Admiral Shen, the Japanese civic leader asked that the number of Chinese militiamen and troops in the city be kept at a minimum. He simultaneously assured the Chinese official that he would make every effort to bring about an amicable settlement of the incident in which a Japanese bluejacket lost his life earlier this month.—Domei.

ENGAGEMENT OF KING FAROUK ANNOUNCED

London, Aug. 23.

The engagement of King Farouk of Egypt with the 16-year-old daughter of a high ranking Egyptian court official, Jussuf Hey Zulficar, is reported in a despatch from Cairo.

The mother of the King's fiancé is the daughter of the former Egyptian Premier, Muhammed Pasha. The announcement of the engagement has been received with great enthusiasm throughout Egypt. The wedding will probably take place next year.—Trans-Ocean.

GEN. MIAO MADE HEAD OF CANTON GARRISON

Hongkong, Aug. 24.

Gen. Miao Pei-nan was yesterday formally installed as Commander of the Canton Garrison, in a ceremony held at the headquarters of the Fourth Route Army. This was regarded by foreign military quarters here as a prelude to the promulgation of martial law in Canton.

The population of the city has been reduced by a third following a mass exodus of women and children to Shameen and Hongkong.—Domei.

MADAME KUNG BUYS TRUCKS FOR SOLDIERS

Shanghai, Aug. 24.

Madame H. H. Kung, wife of the Chinese Minister of Finance, has bought four trucks and three motor cars to be presented to the Chinese forces now defending Shanghai.

The vehicles, it is learned, were purchased at a cost of $55,000 collected by Madame Kung from among Chinese staff members of the Maritime Customs.—Central News.

Mr. Edmund Gock, Sub-Manager of Wing On Co., Ltd., and son of William Gockson, Managing Director of the company, who was seriously injured in Monday's bombing disaster, is said to be slightly improved and there is every hope of saving his life.

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Sporting News

CUBS JOURNEY EAST TO PLAY IMPORTANT BALL SERIES

Three Day Engagement Looms Against Next Best Yankees: Hard Road Ahead

New York, Aug. 23.

WITH a lead of four and one-half games in the National League pennant race, the Chicago Cubs rode east to New York to-day to open a three-game series with the New York Giants which may well prove crucial.

The Cubs have stubbornly held to their margin for the past few weeks, but with a hard road-trip in prospect, and their rivals the Giants playing on their own field, the Chicago lead may, in the opinion of experts, be materially cut.

St. Louis, four games in the rear of the Giants, will attempt to pick up ground by crossing bats with the always-troublesome Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbetts Field, while the fourth-place Pittsburgh Pirates tangle with the Boston Bees at the Hub City.

American League

In the American League the New York Yankees, holding but not increasing their margin of nine and one-half games, will move out to Chicago for a three-game stand against the hard-fighting Chicago White Sox, now down in fourth place after several weeks in the runner-up position.

The Detroit Tigers, safe in second place three and one-half games in the van of the Boston Red Sox, will entertain Connie Mack's tail-end Philadelphia Athletics, while the Bostonians go to Cleveland for a three-day attack on the Cleveland Indians. The Tribe, down in fifth place after an early-season bid for leadership, will strive to climb back into the first division at the expense of the Red Sox. The remaining game will see the Washington Senators playing the Browns at St. Louis.

Team Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Chicago	70	42	.625
New York	63	44	.589
St. Louis	60	49	.550
Pittsburgh	59	51	.536
Boston	54	58	.482
Cincinnati	45	63	.417
Brooklyn	44	65	.404
Philadelphia	45	67	.402

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York	74	34	.685
Detroit	65	44	.596
Boston	60	46	.566
Chicago	63	50	.558
Cleveland	51	54	.486
Washington	50	55	.476
St. Louis	34	74	.315
Philadelphia	33	73	.311

—United Press.

S'HAI FOOTBALL CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING

Owing to the present hostilities and the mobilization of the S.V.C. the annual meeting of the Shanghai Football Club will be postponed from August 26.

A Mettlesome Irish Athlete

London, Aug. 24.

After it having first been reported that Dr. Patrick O'Callaghan had thrown the hammer 196 ft. subsequent measures showed that the distance actually was 198 ft., 8⅞ in.

Unfortunately the Irish Athletic Association is not affiliated with the International Federation so that the splendid performance cannot be recognised as a world record.

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HELEN WILLS MOODY GAINS DIVORCE

Reno, Aug. 23.

Mrs. Helen Wills Moody, the well-known American tennis player, has been granted a divorce, on the grounds of mental cruelty, from her broker husband whom she married in 1929.

Mrs. Moody indicated to Reuter that she had no intention of engaging in competitive tennis in the future.

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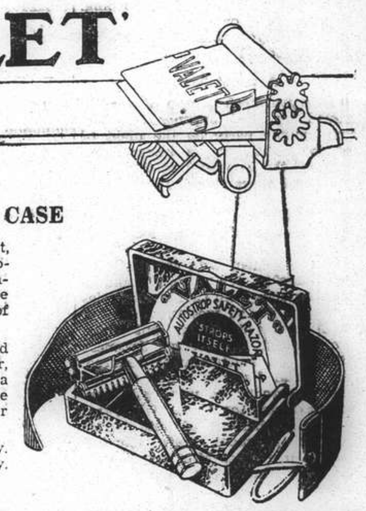

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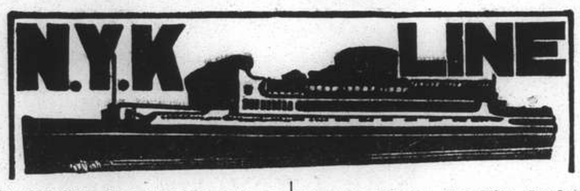

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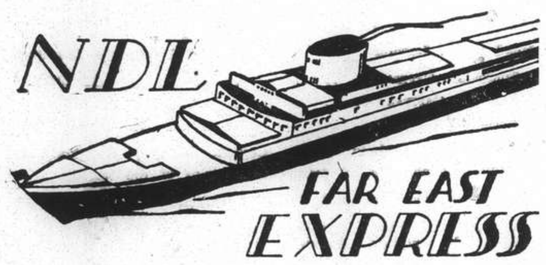

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Wednesday, Aug. 25, 1937 (20th day of 7th moon)	SICCAWEI Aug. 23 16.00	21.00	Aug. 24 4.00	9.00	GUTZLAFF Aug. 24 9.00	14.00
Barometer inches	29.78	29.82	29.79	29.85	—	—
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.01	+0.01	+0.01	+0.01	—	—
at 32 F. (,, ,, 12 hrs.)	—0.02	—0.02	+0.01	+0.03	—	—
Wind (direction)	SE	ESE	ESE	SSE	—	—
,, (miles per hour)	13.1	10.6	6.2	11.2	—	—
Temperature (Fahr.)	89.°6	78.°1	76.°1	84.°9	—	—
Humidity	67	93	97	81	—	—
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	2	0	0	1	—	—
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report August 23	Mean 1937	24 hours variation	Previous average same period (64 years)
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	29.81	—0.01	29.78
Temp. Min. 74.°3 Max. 93.°4	83.°8	+0.°2	79.°7
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	25.09	—	31.42

Date	25/8	26/8	27/8	28/8	29/8	30/8	31/8	1/9	2/9
Sun rises at Shanghai	5.25	5.26	5.26	5.27	5.27	5.28	5.28	5.29	5.29
Sun sets at Shanghai	18.27	18.26	18.25	18.23	18.22	18.20	18.19	18.18	18.17
Moon rises at Shanghai	20.22	21.04	21.50	22.42	23.39	0.00	0.41	1.45	2.51
Moon sets at Shanghai	8.49	9.54	11.00	12.05	13.08	14.07	15.01	15.49	16.30
Flood makes Shanghai	13.05	13.38	14.20	15.05	15-59	17.05	18.20	7.30	8.34
Ebb. makes Shanghai	17.55	18.30	6.15	6.47	7.32	8.45	10.26	12.43	13.15
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